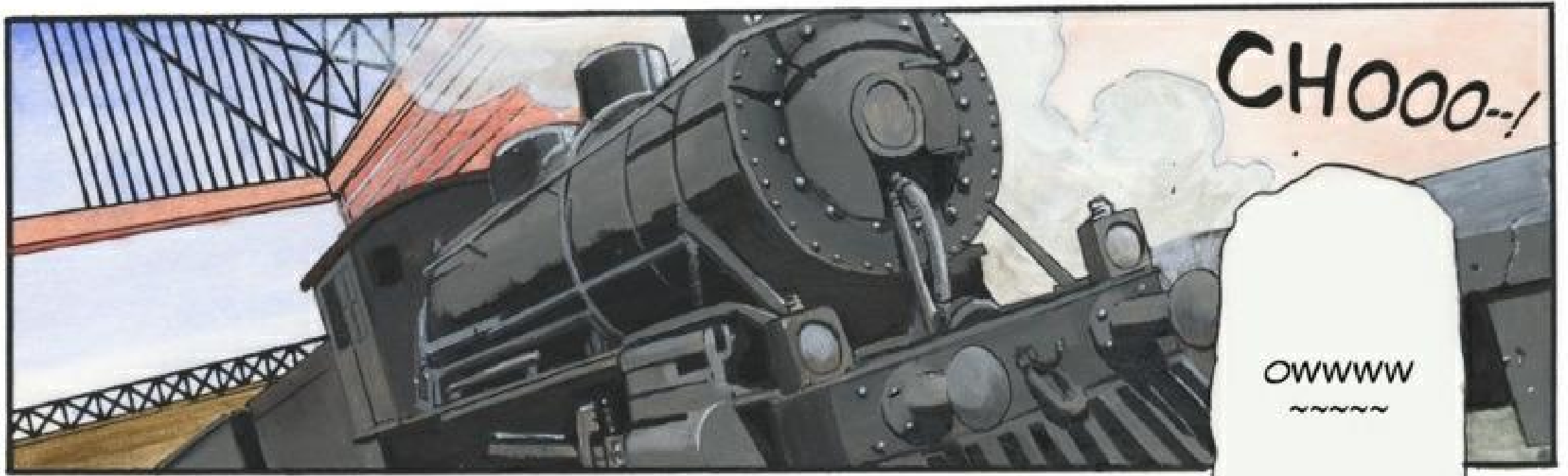
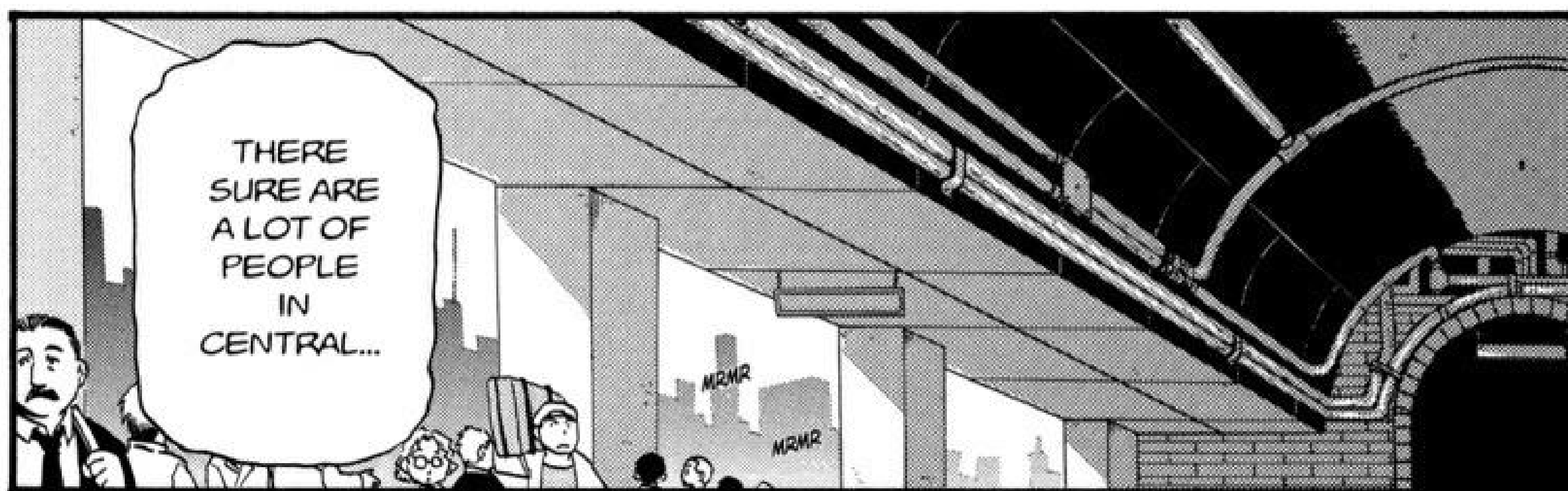




Chapter 14: An Only Child's Feelings





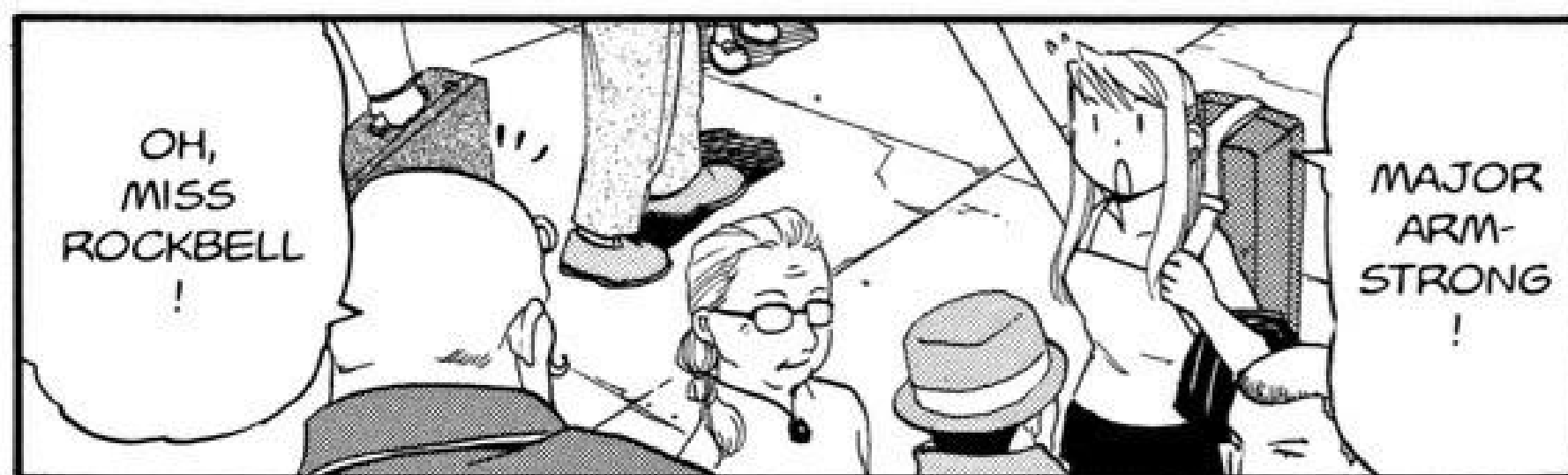
THERE
SURE ARE
A LOT OF
PEOPLE
IN
CENTRAL...



IT'S
HIM..

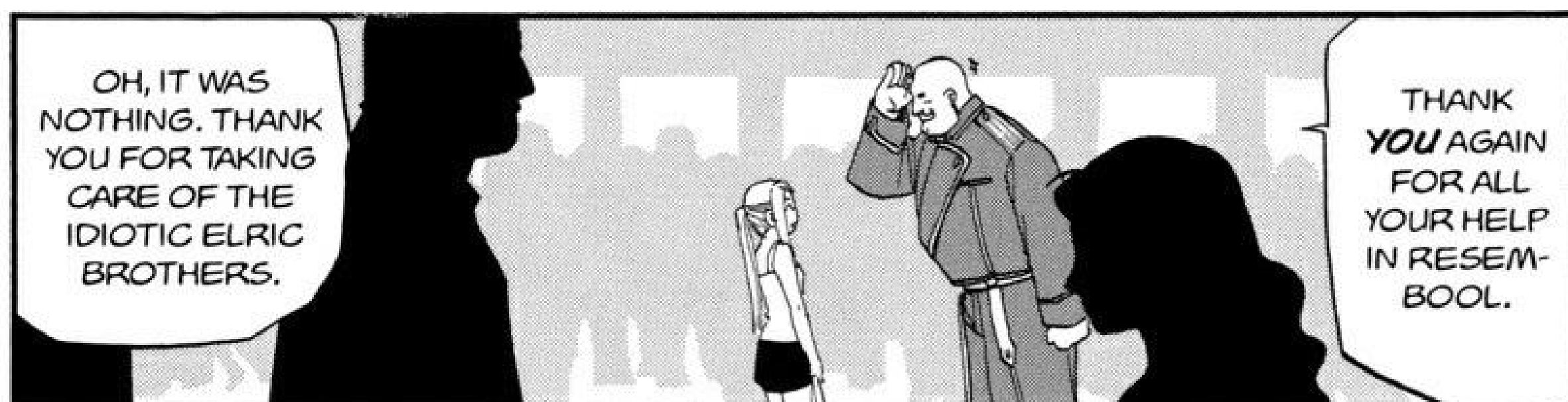
OH.

ED TOLD ME
THAT THERE'D
BE SOMEONE
WAITING FOR
ME AT THE
STATION WHO I'D
RECOGNIZE
RIGHT AWAY.
BUT WHO...?



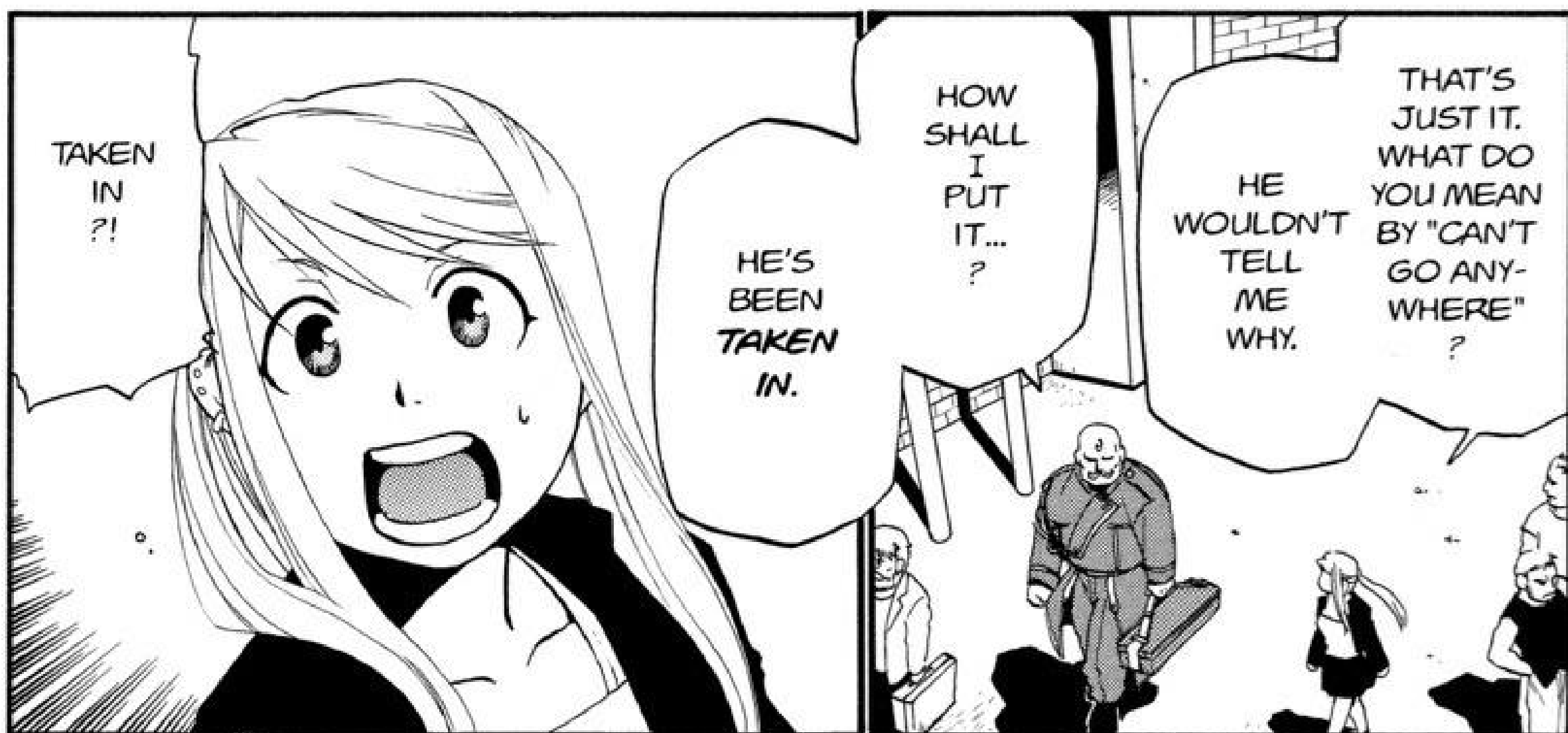
OH,
MISS
ROCKBELL
!

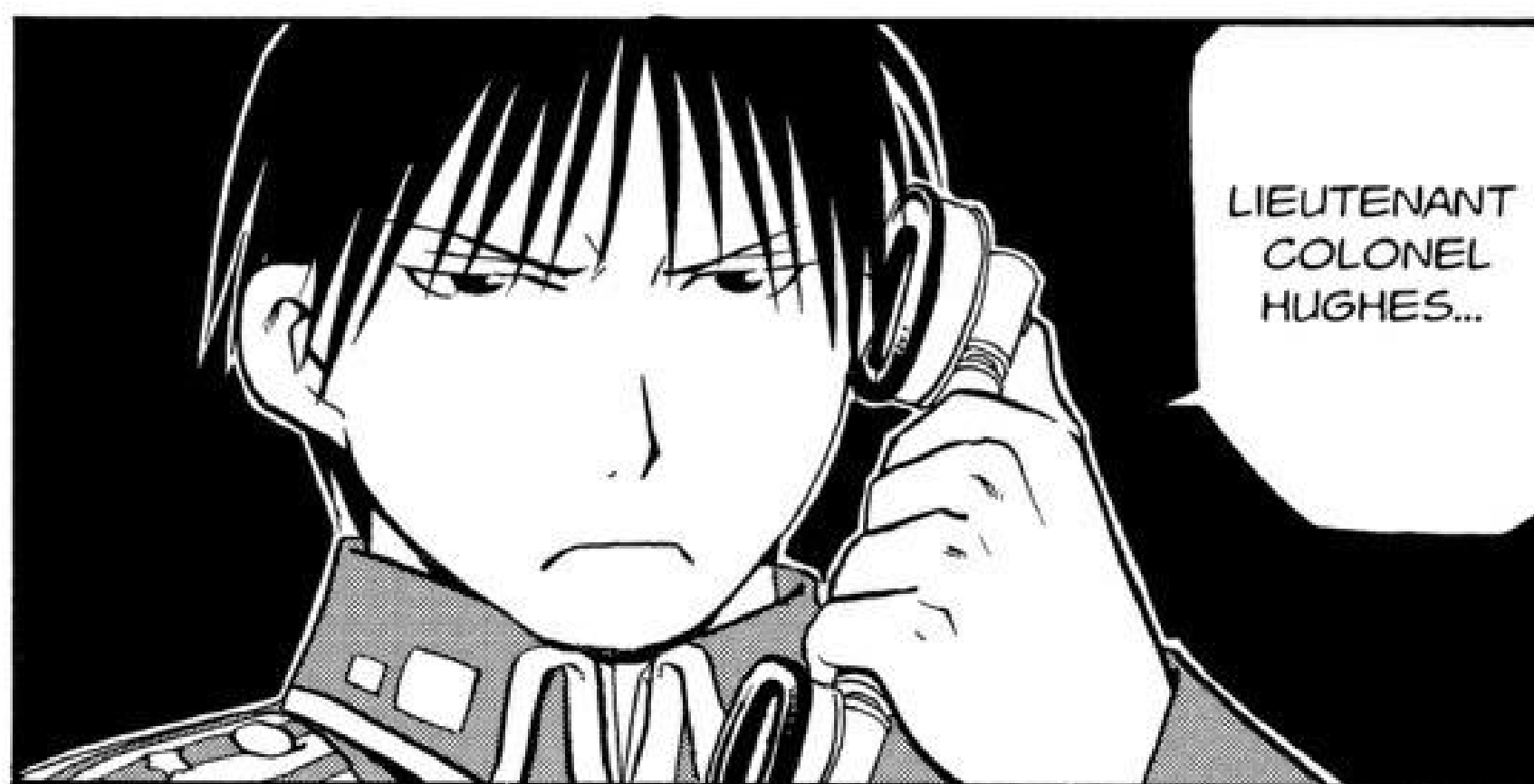
MAJOR
ARM-
STRONG
!

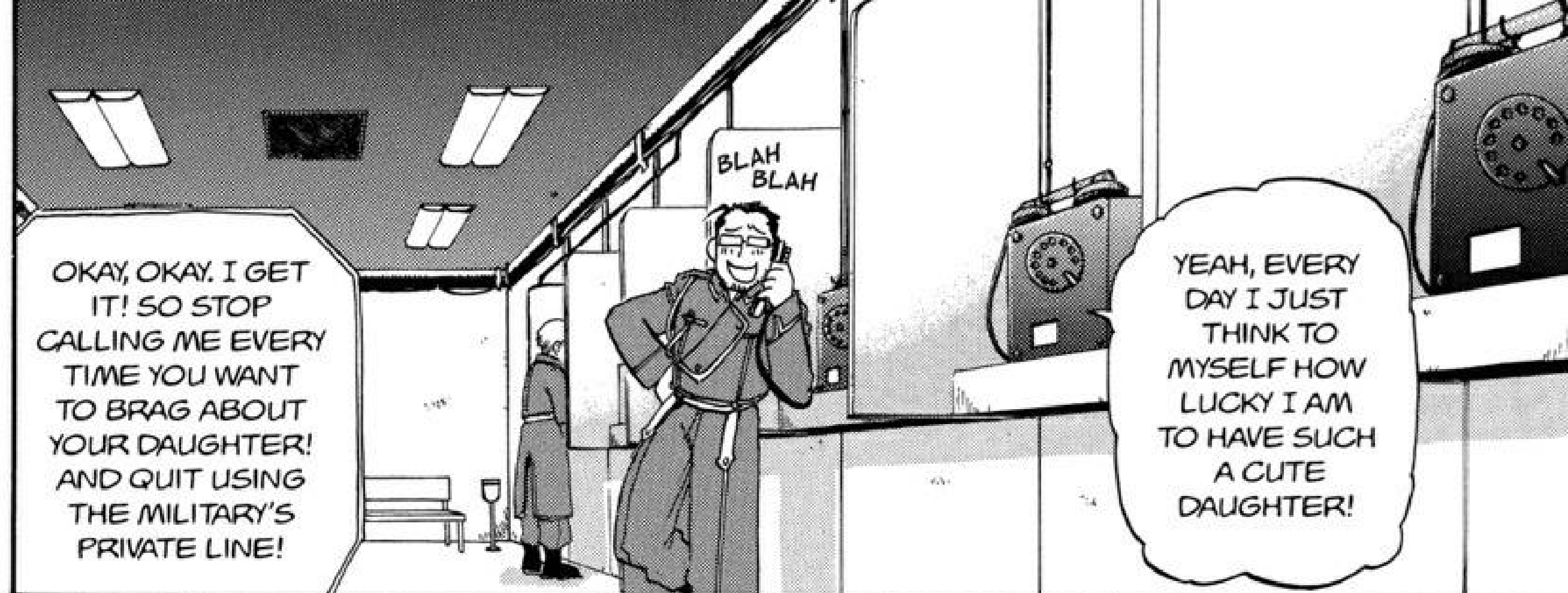


OH, IT WAS
NOTHING. THANK
YOU FOR TAKING
CARE OF THE
IDIOTIC ELRIC
BROTHERS.

THANK
YOU AGAIN
FOR ALL
YOUR HELP
IN RESEM-
BOOL.









H/M...



THE GUYS FROM
COMMAND WHO
WERE RESPONSIBLE
FOR MANAGING THE
STATE ALCHEMISTS
HAVE BEEN KILLED
OFF. THEY'RE A
LITTLE SHORT-
STAFFED IN THAT
DEPARTMENT
RIGHT NOW.

YEAH,
ABOUT
THAT...



SOUNDS
LIKE COLONEL
MUSTANG'S
INVITATION
TO CENTRAL
MIGHT COME
SOONER THAN
EXPECTED.



YOU'LL MAKE
A LOT OF
ENEMIES IF
YOU JOIN
MILITARY
COMMAND AT
YOUR AGE.

BUT
WATCH
OUT.

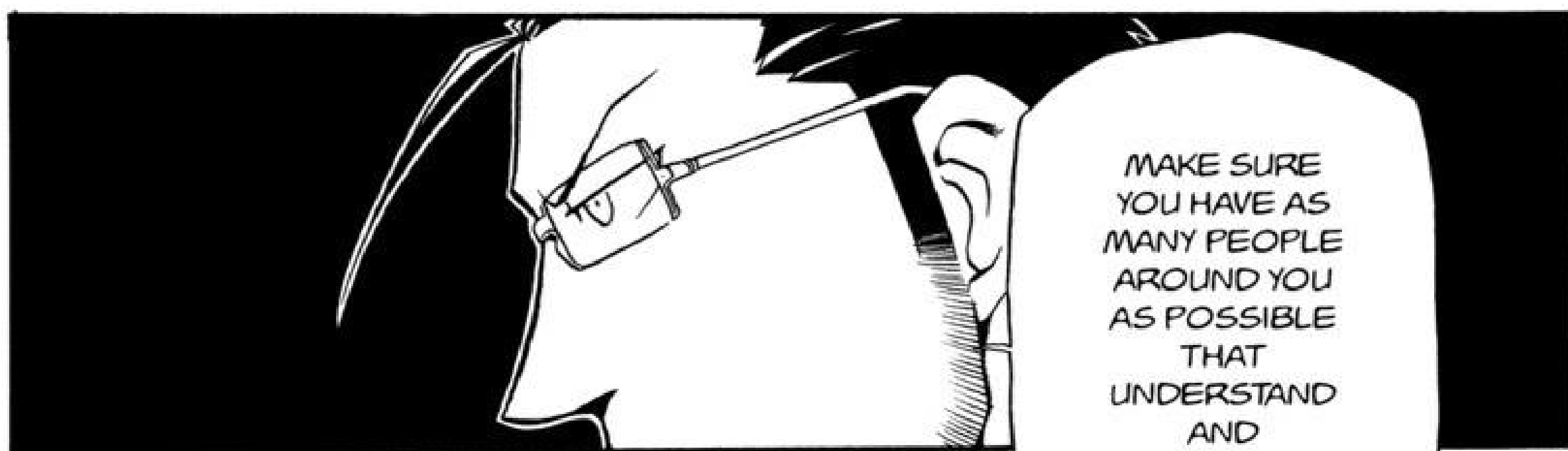


I'M
PREPARED
FOR
ANYTHING.

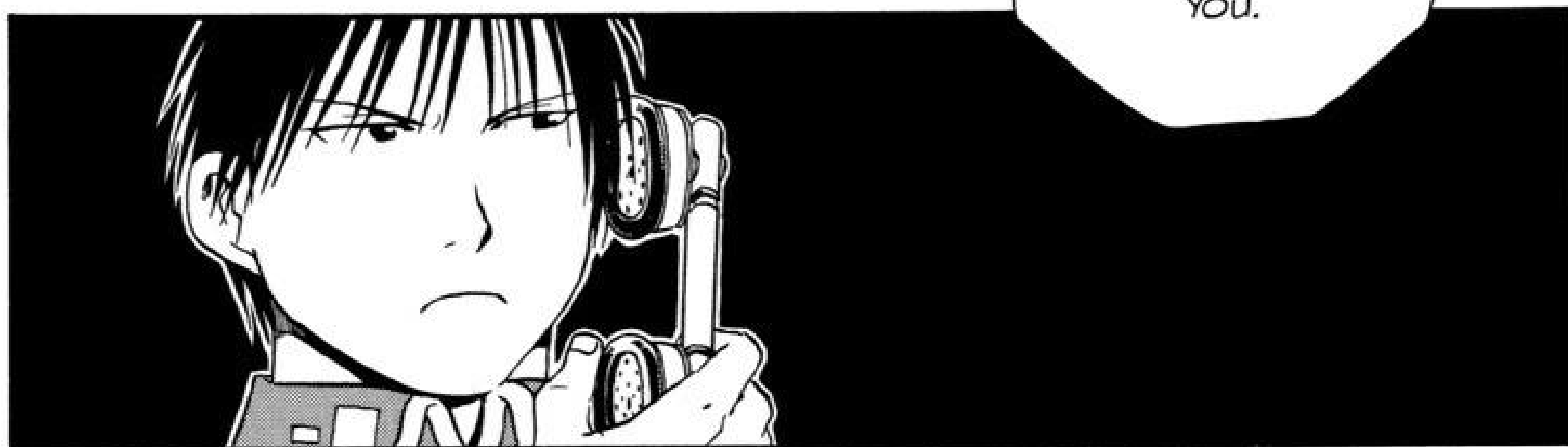


CENTRAL,
HUH?

THAT
MIGHT
NOT
BE SO
BAD.



MAKE SURE
YOU HAVE AS
MANY PEOPLE
AROUND YOU
AS POSSIBLE
THAT
UNDERSTAND
AND
SUPPORT
YOU.



COLONEL,
PLEASE BE
GENTLER
WHEN
HANGING
UP THE
PHONE.

SLAM

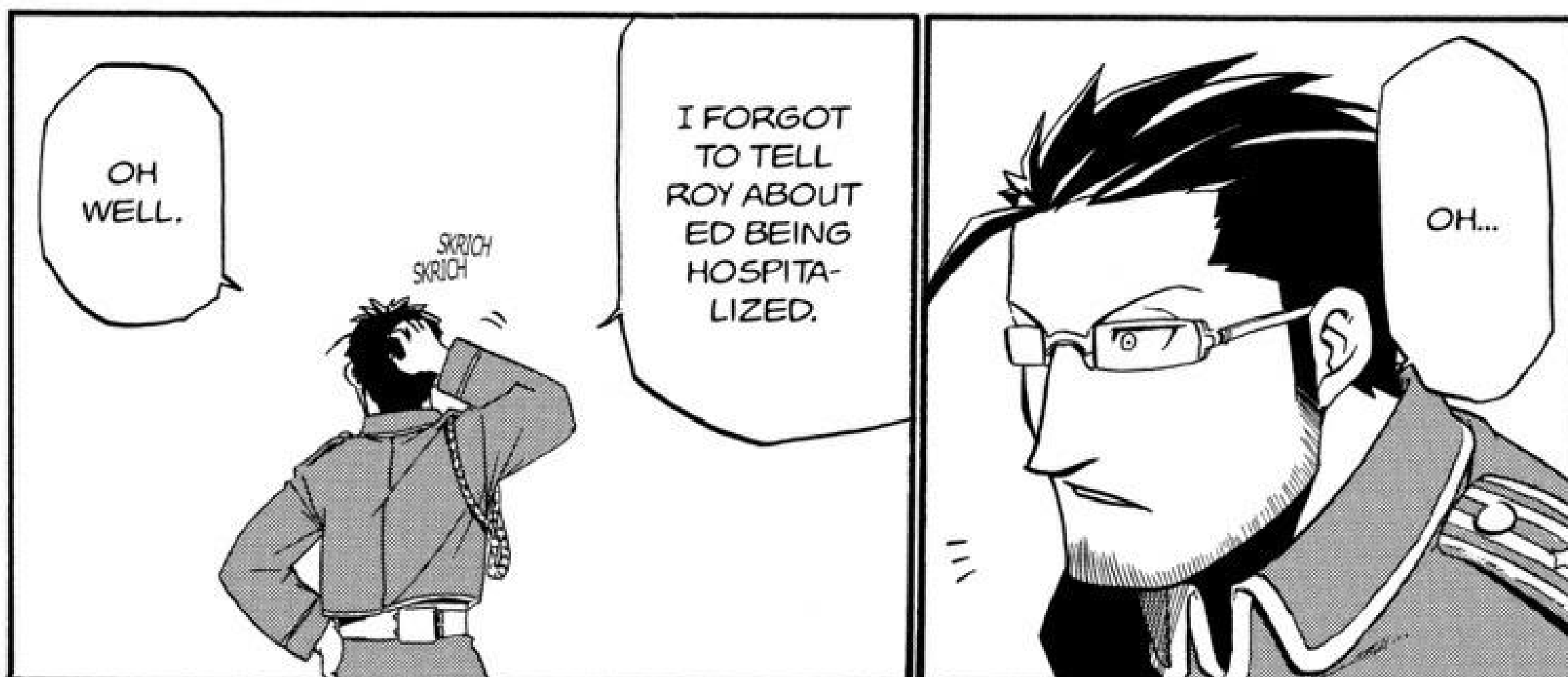
**WILL
YOU
SHUT
UP
?!**

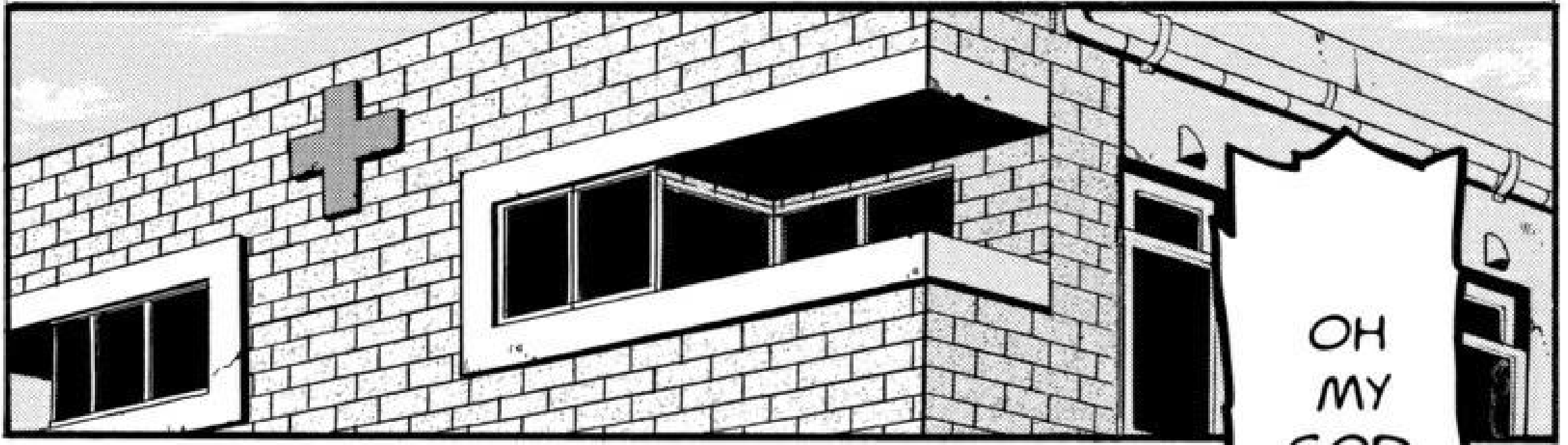
SO
HURRY
UP AND
GET A
WIFE!



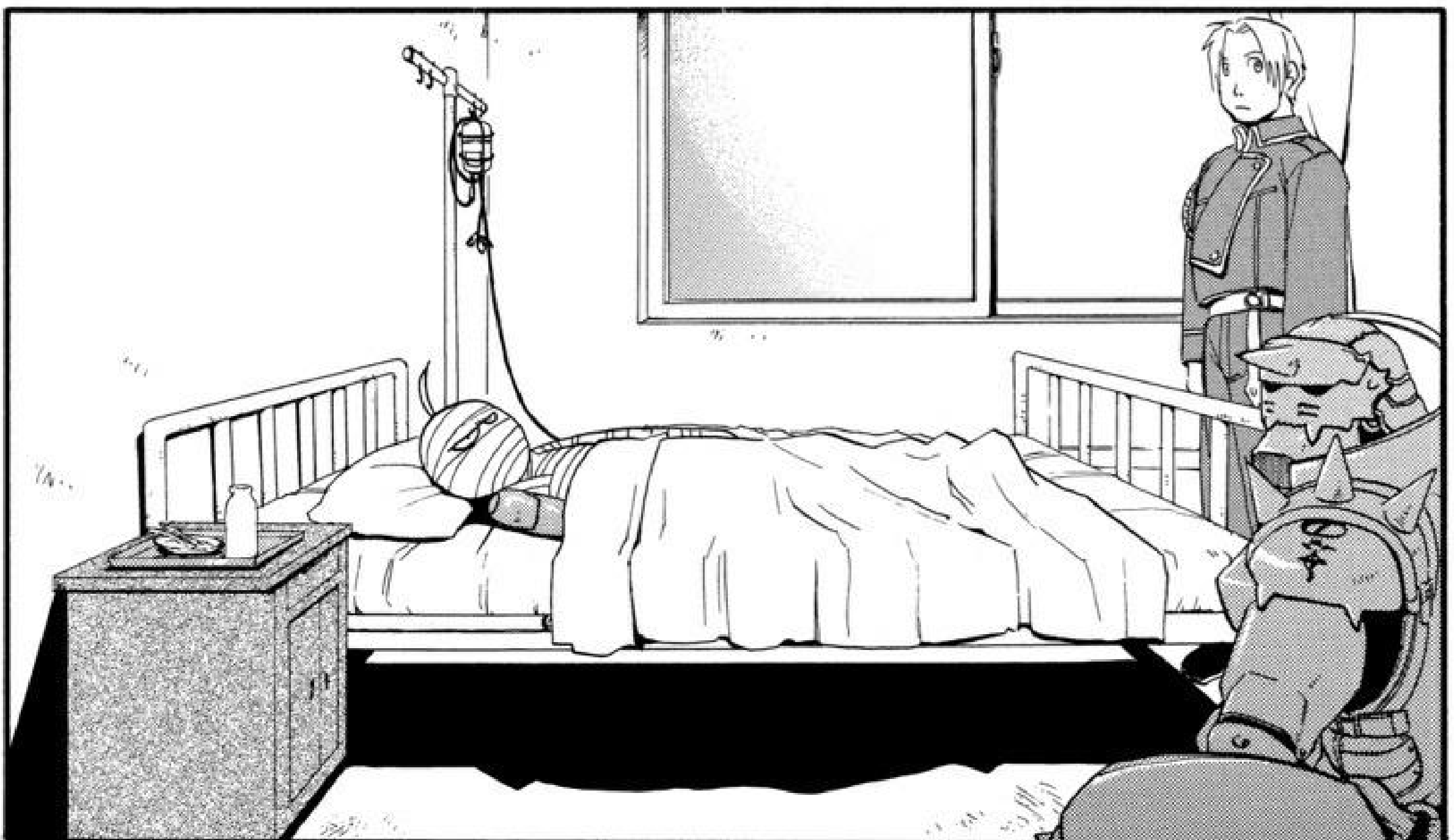
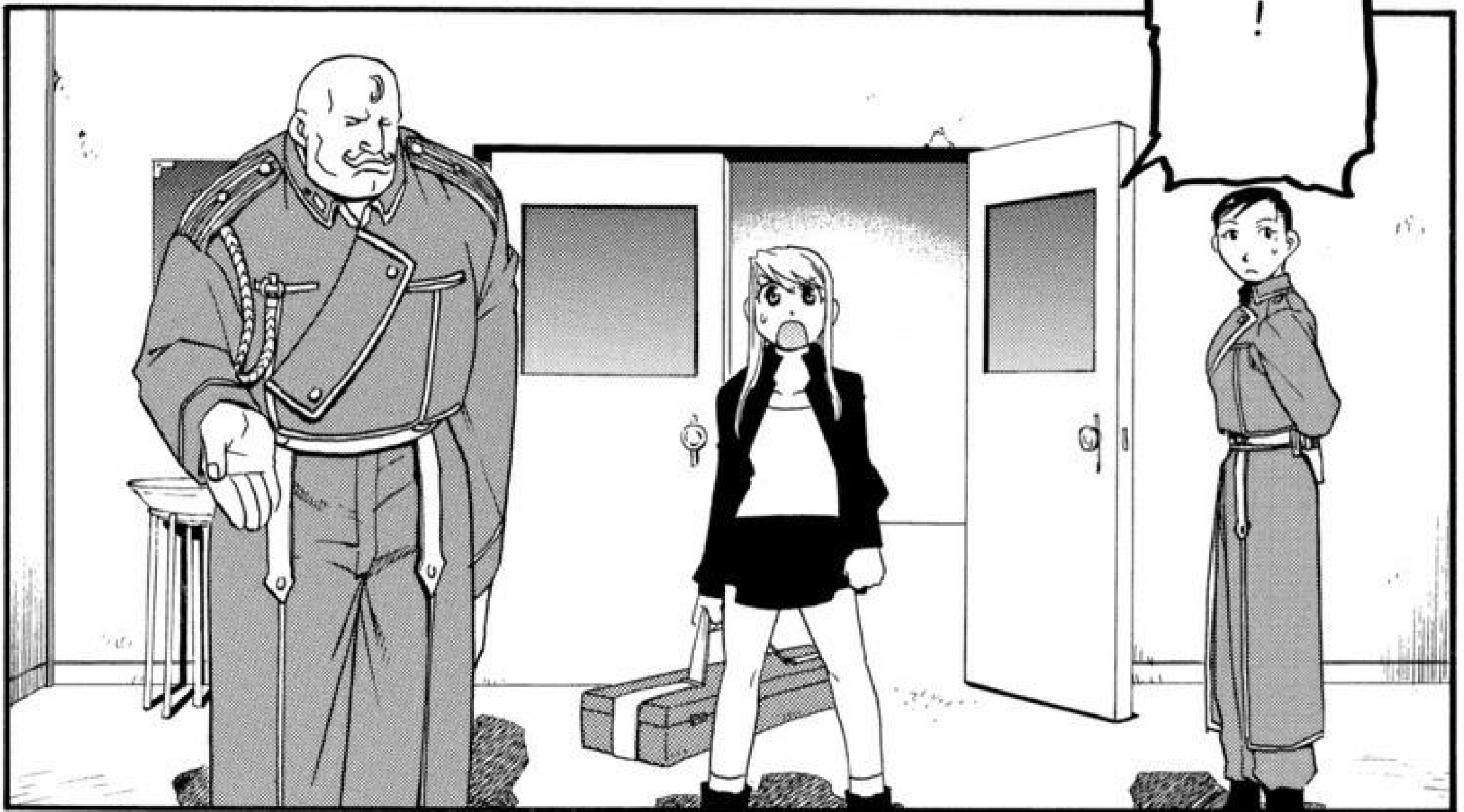
WHAT?
ARE
YOU
JEALOUS,
TOO?

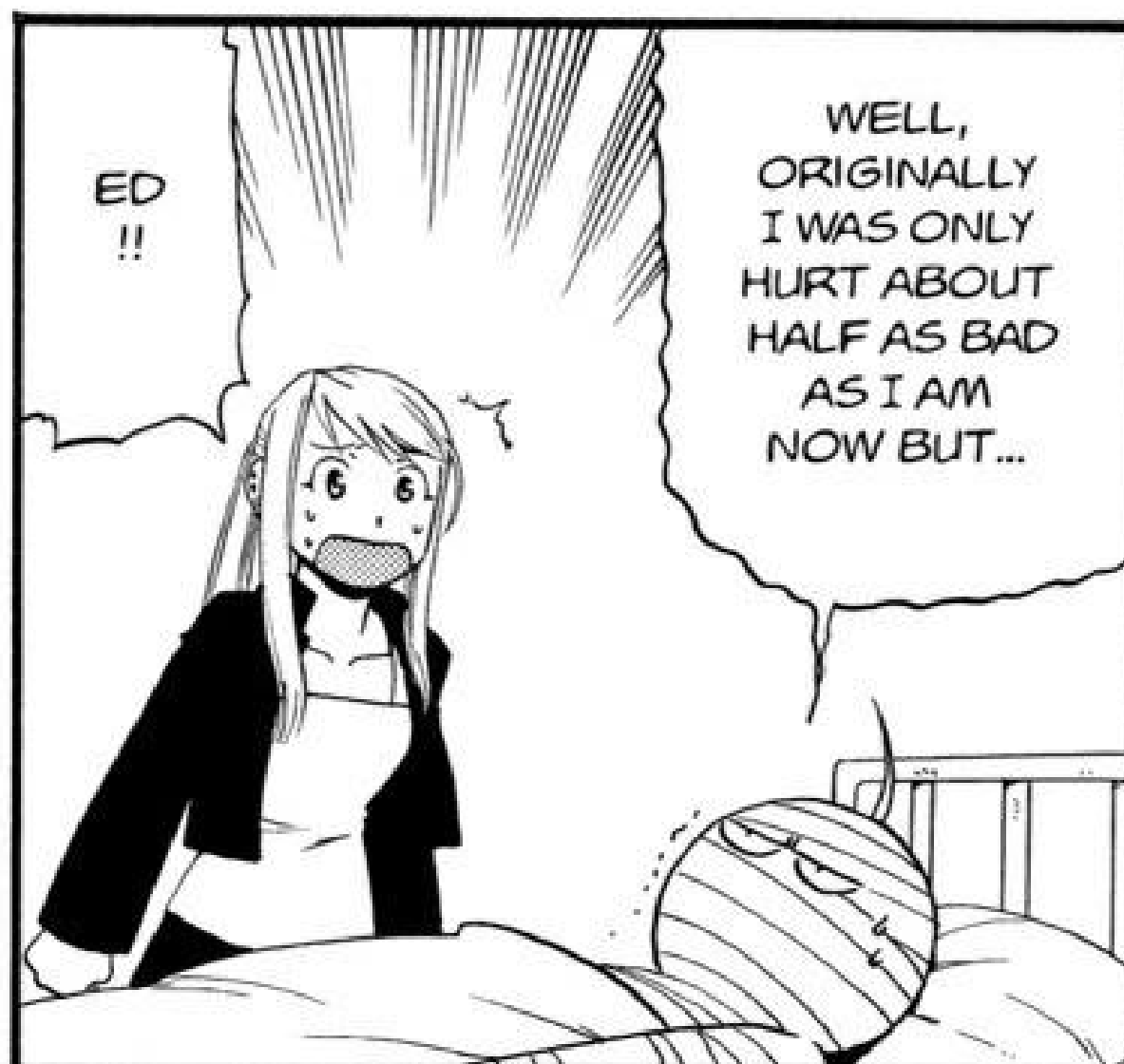
LIEUTENANT
COLONEL
HUGHES...WAS
THAT ANOTHER
PERSONAL
PHONE CALL TO
BRAG ABOUT
YOUR FAMILY?





OH
MY
GOD
!







YOU CAN'T EXPECT HIM TO BE A MATCH FOR **YOU**, MAJOR!

IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR NOT TRAINING YOURSELF HARD ENOUGH.

DAMMIT. THANKS TO HIM, I'M STUCK IN THE HOSPITAL EVEN LONGER.



SHEESH... DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT.

WHAT ARE YOU TELLING **ME** FOR? TELL IT TO **HIM!!**



BUT...

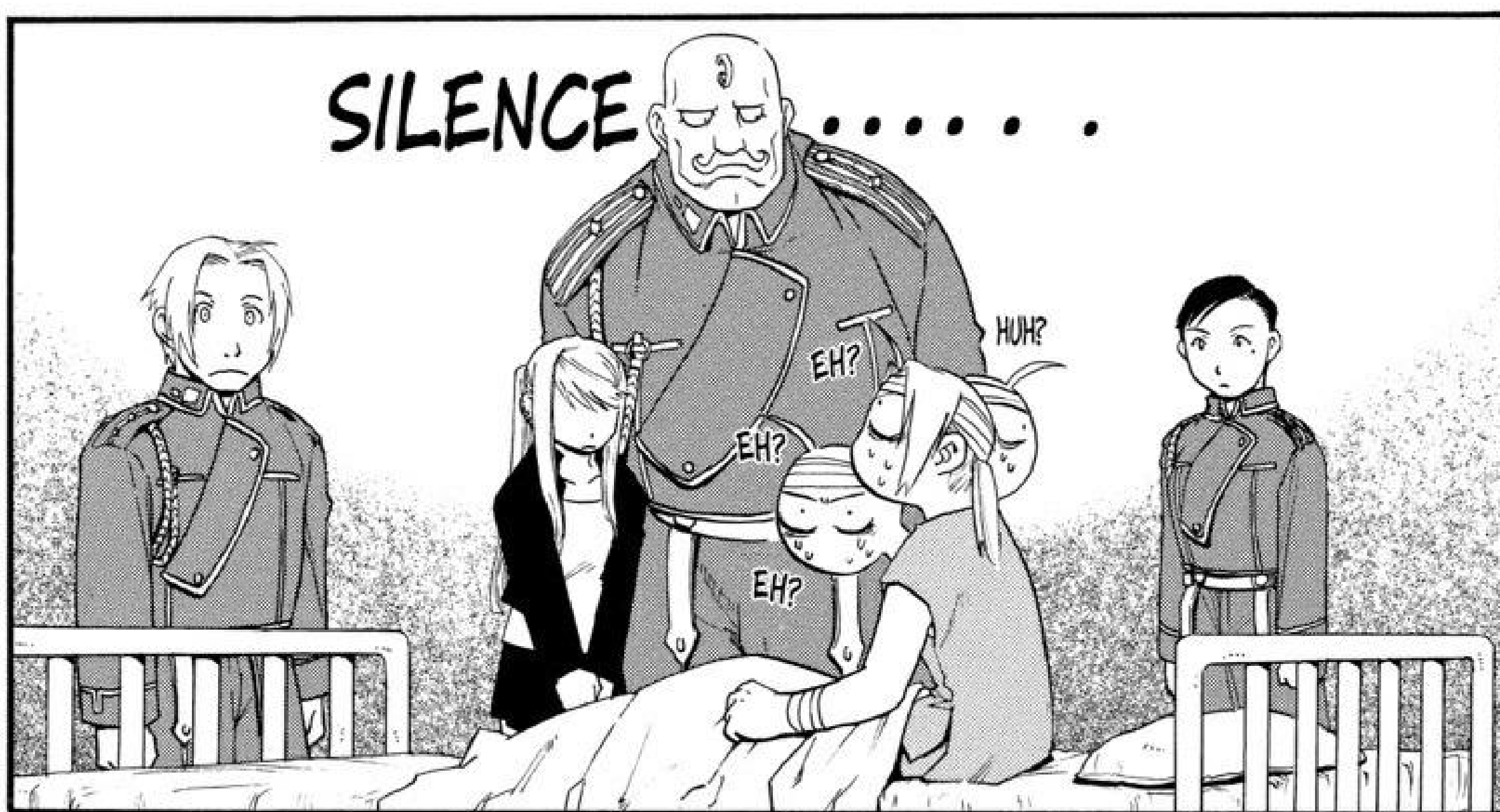
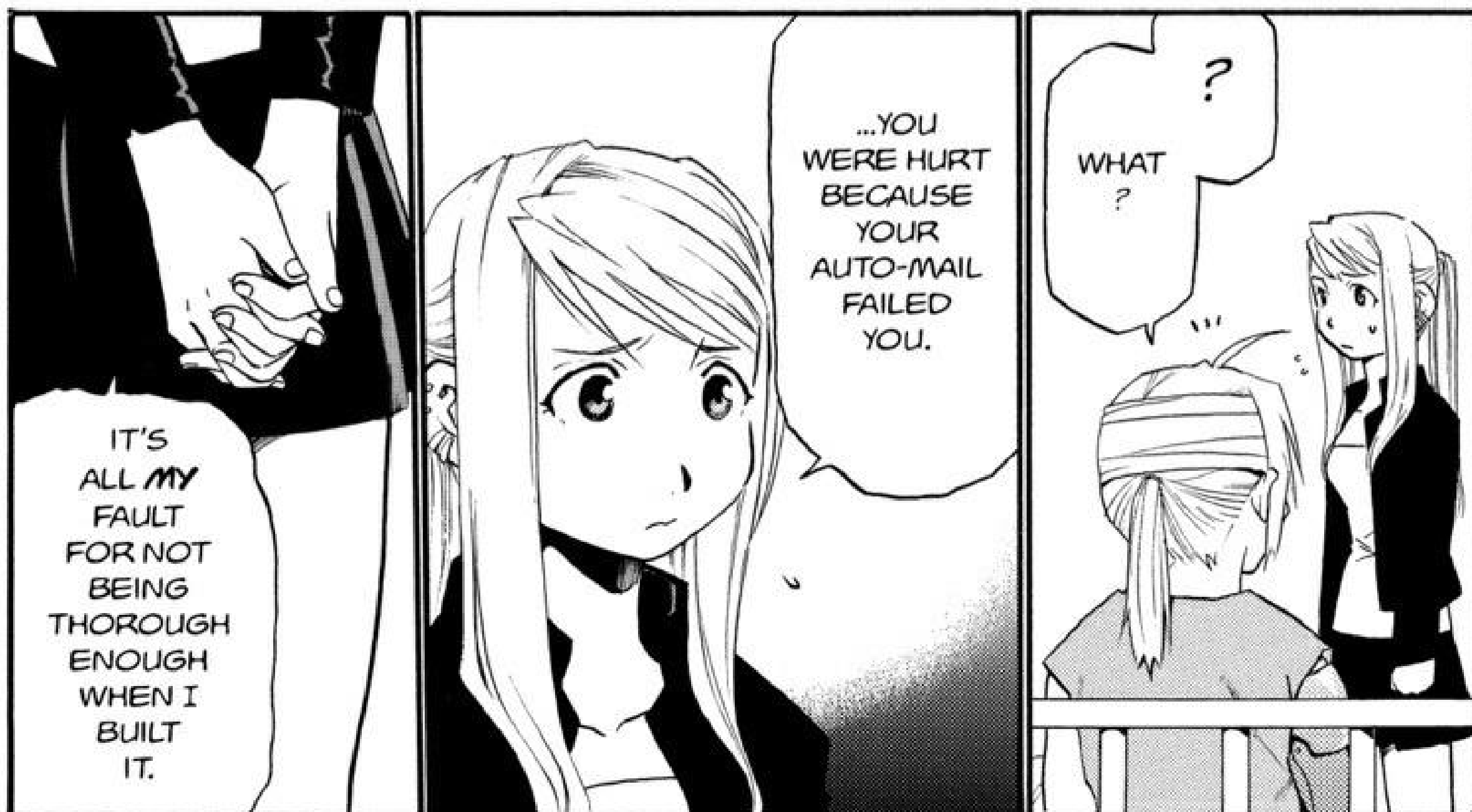


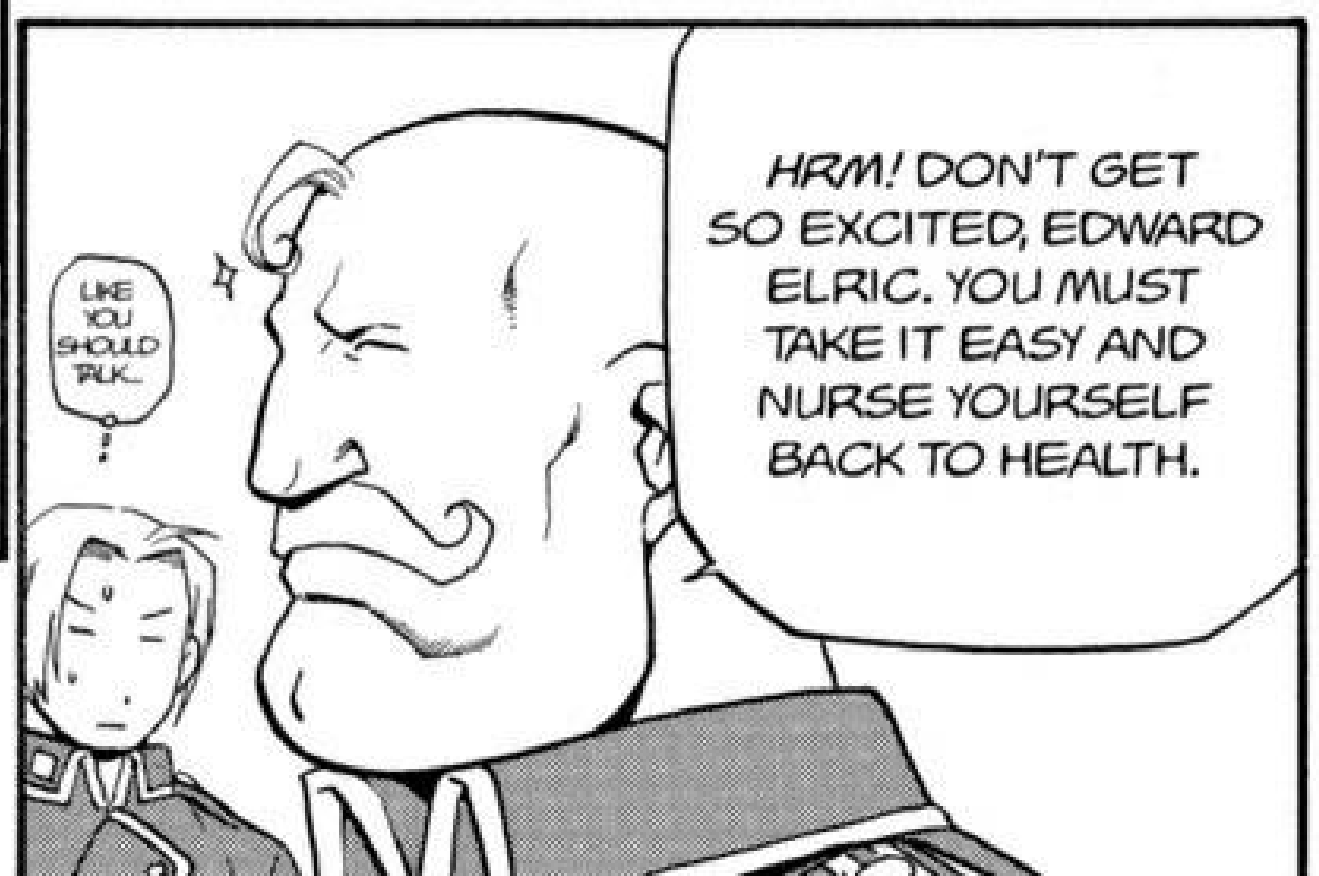
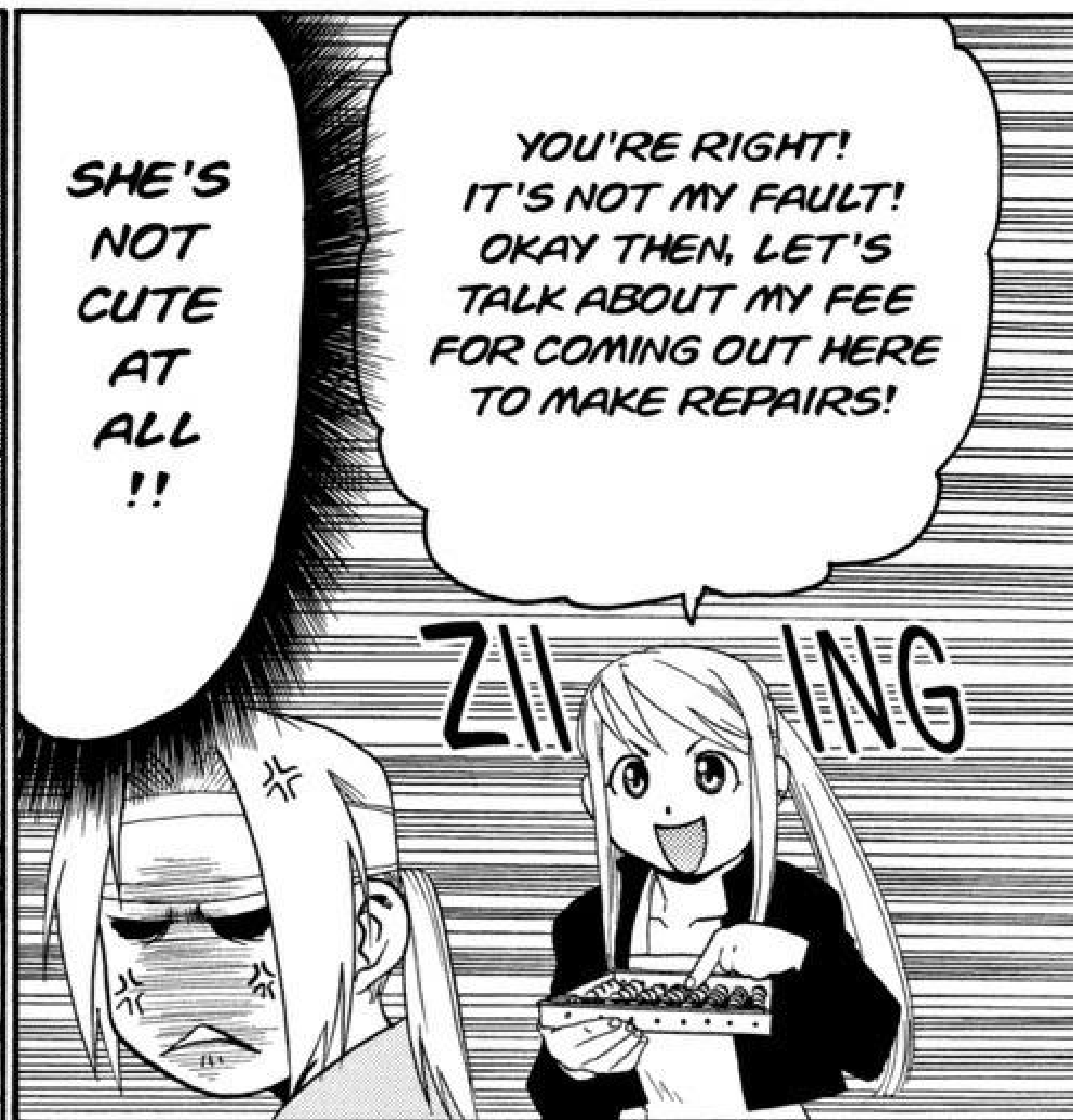
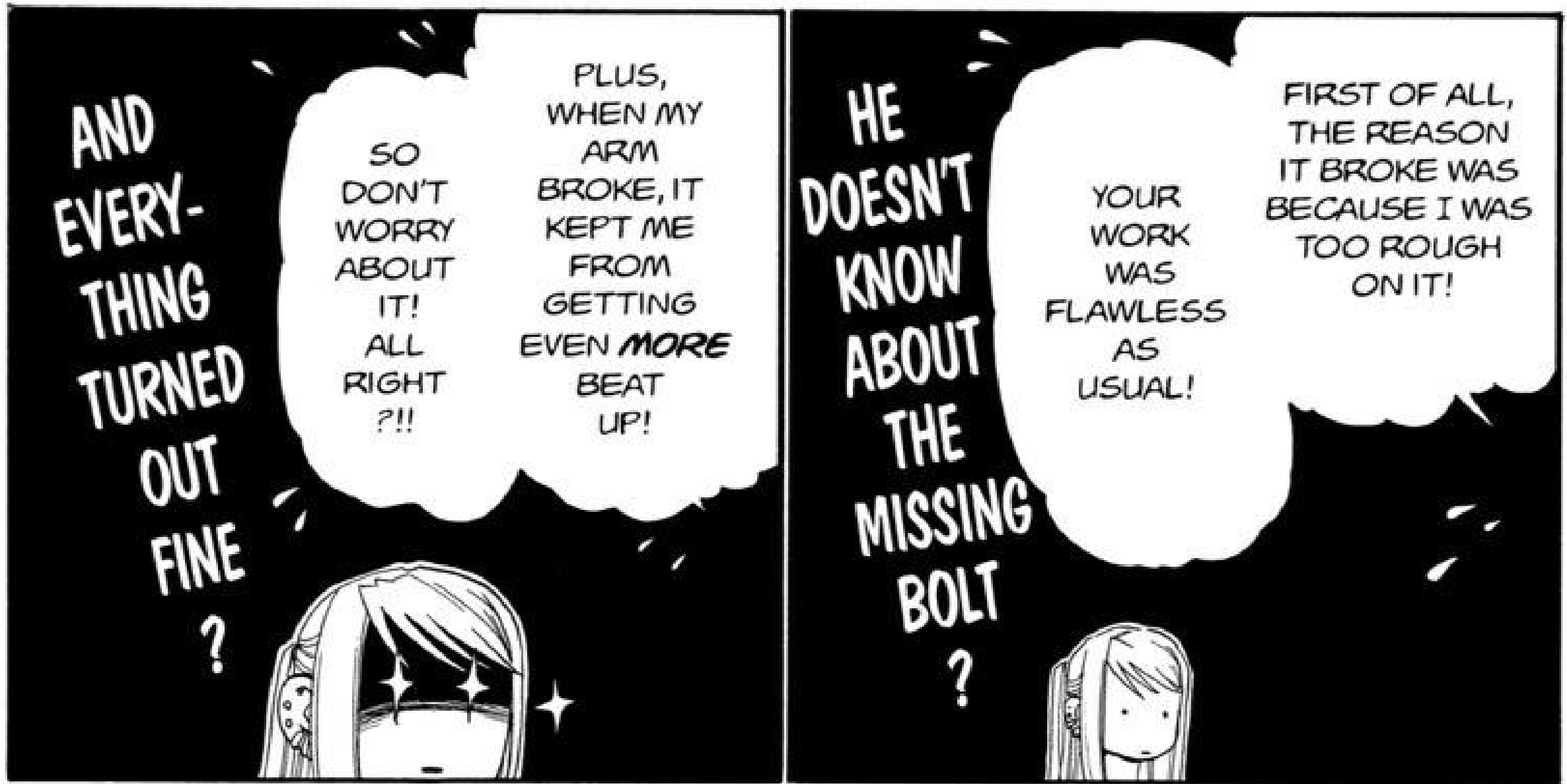
WOUNDS LIKE THESE HEAL QUICK.

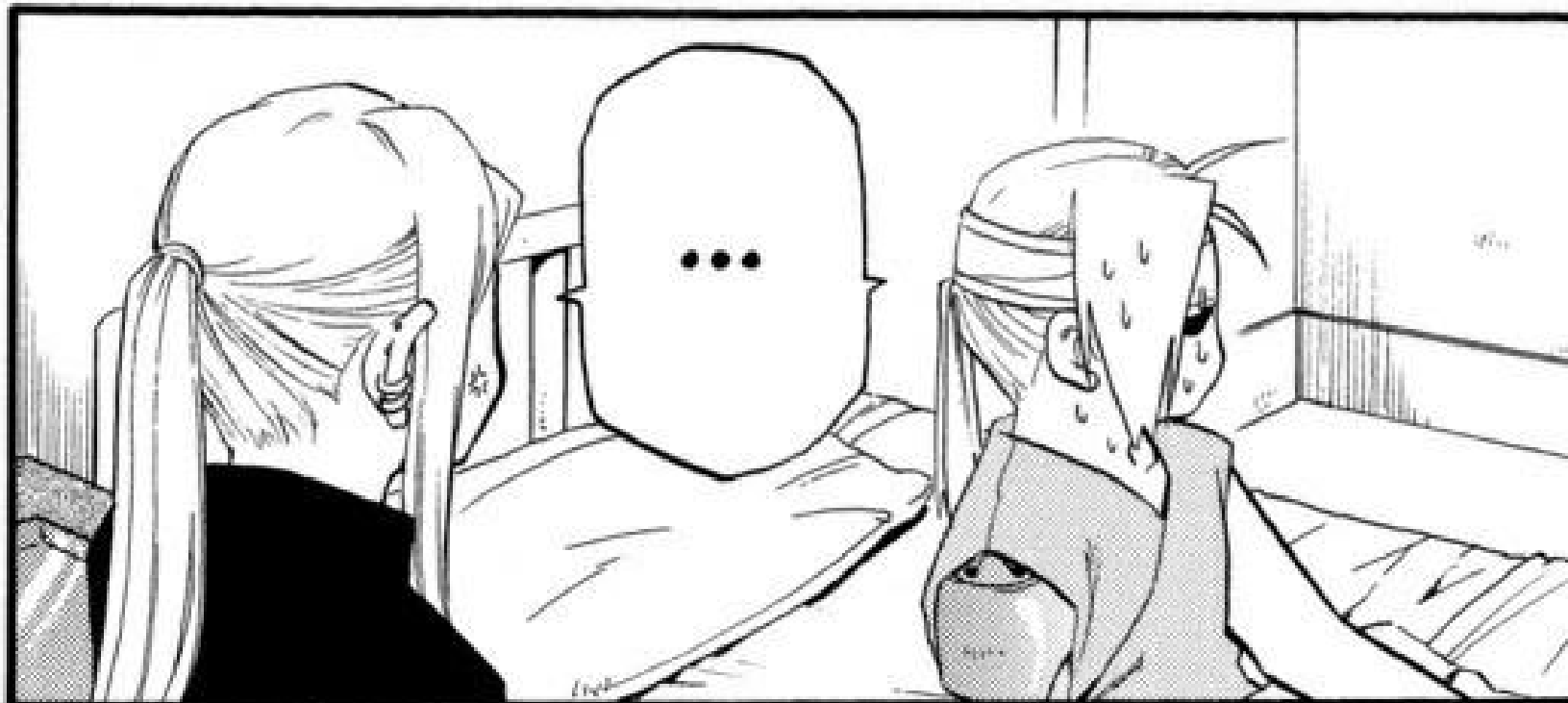
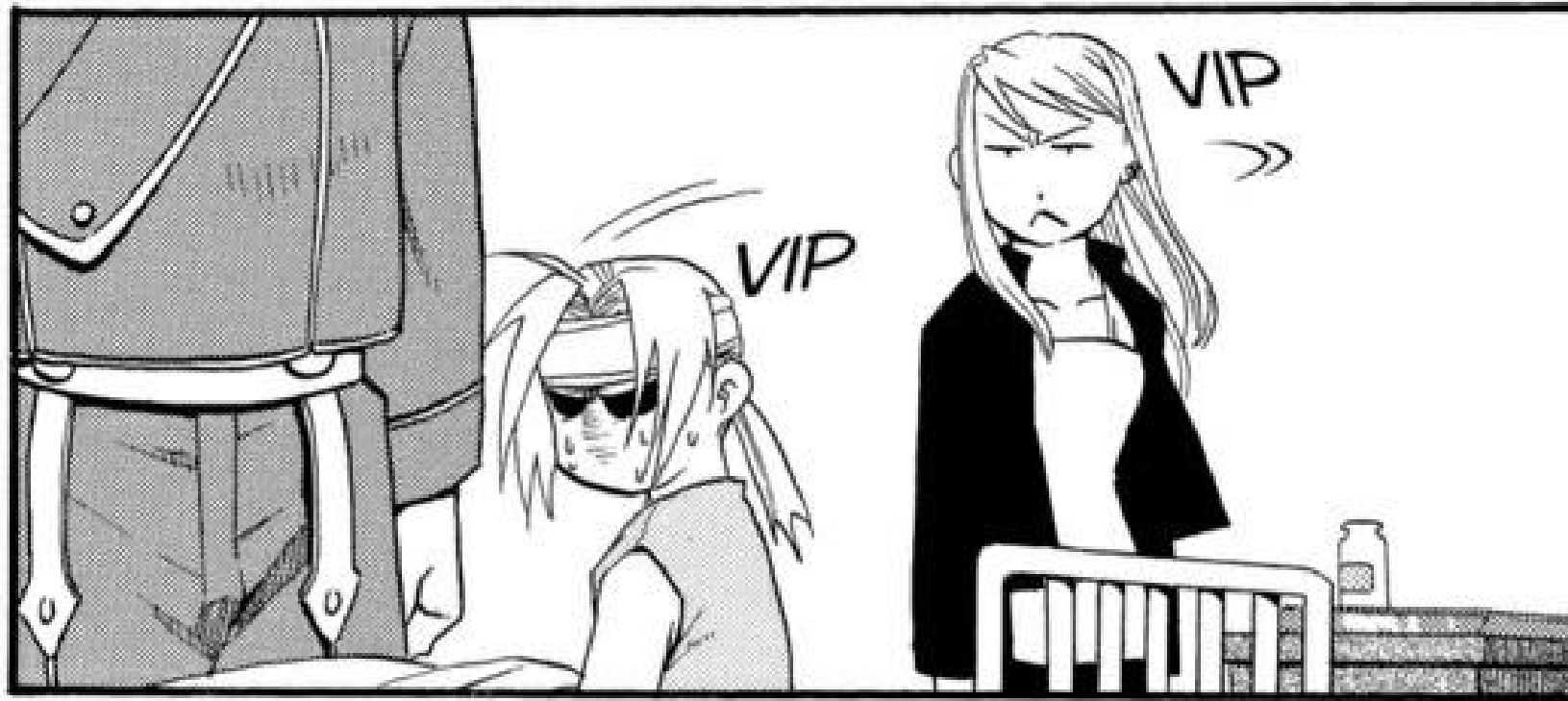
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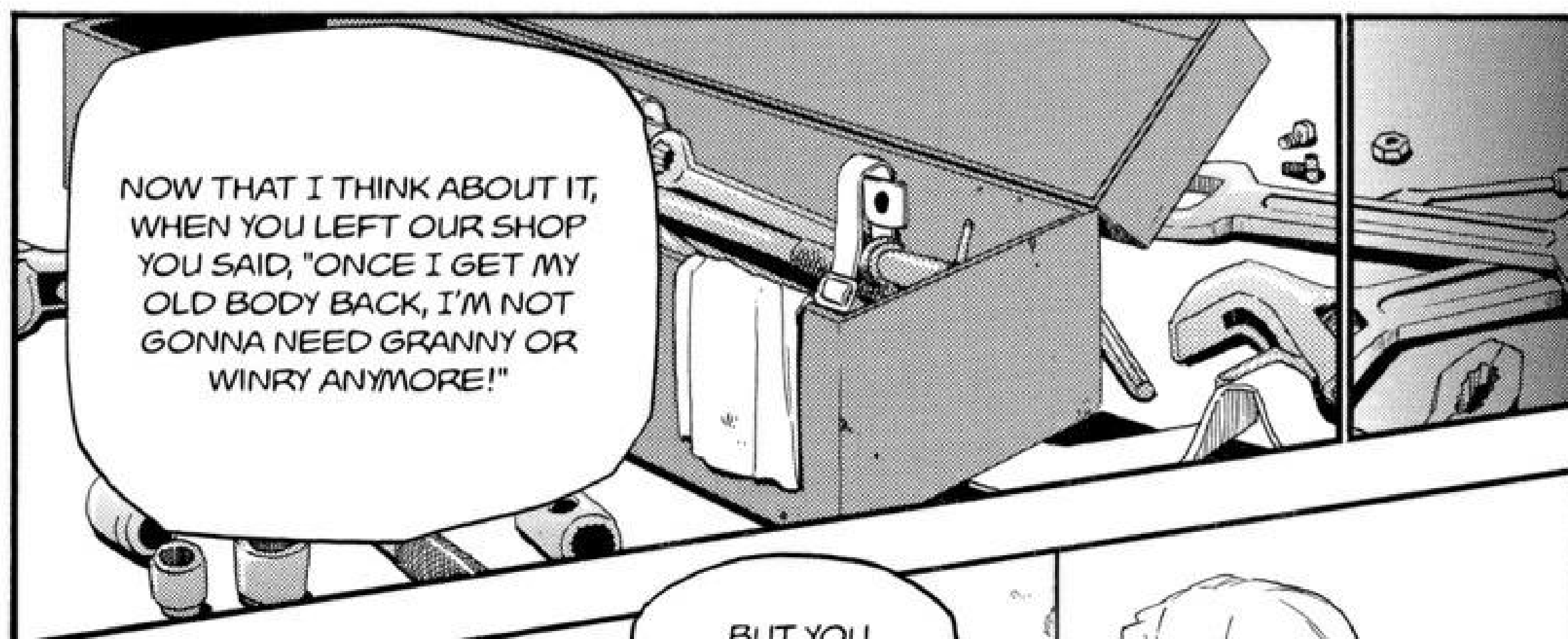
EVEN WITHOUT THE WOUNDS INFLICTED BY THE MAJOR, YOUR INJURIES ARE STILL REALLY SEVERE.

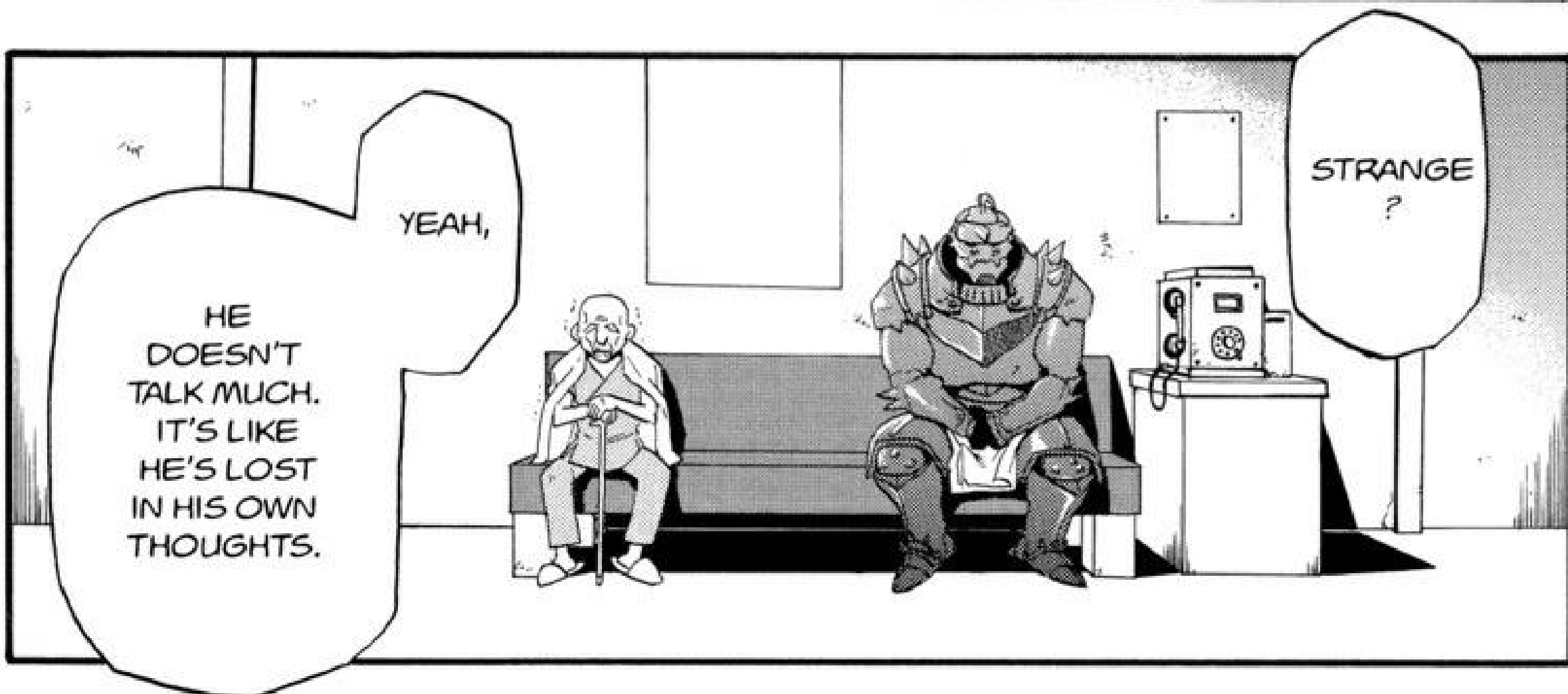
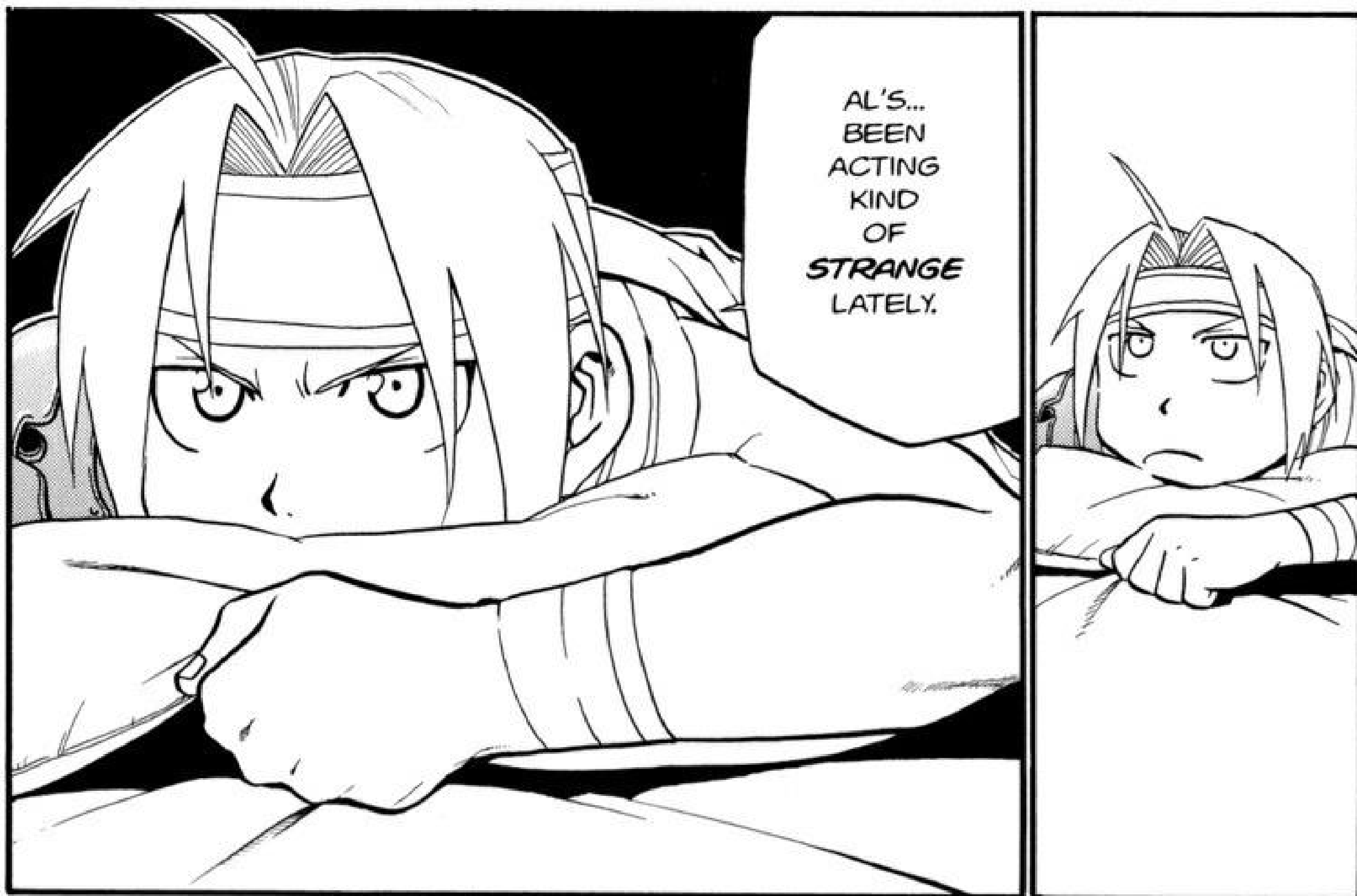


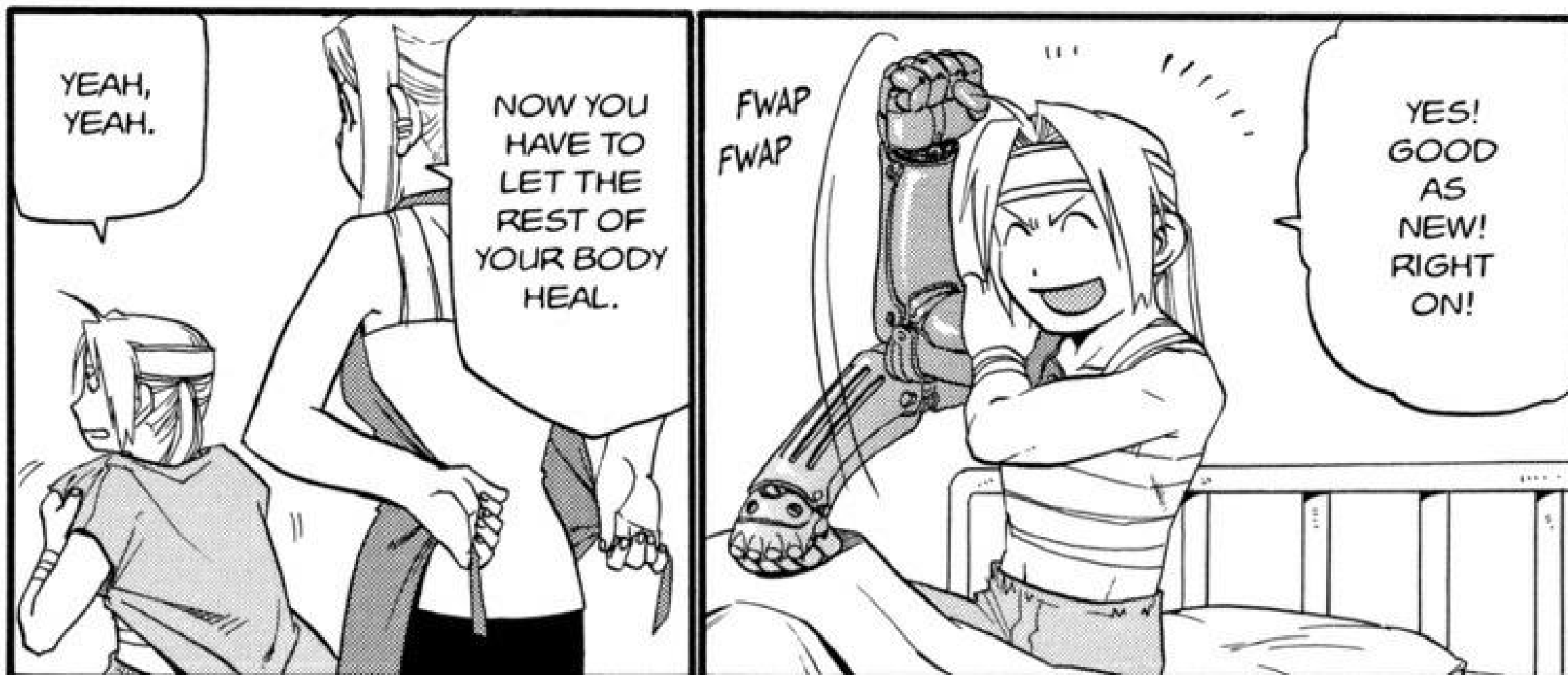
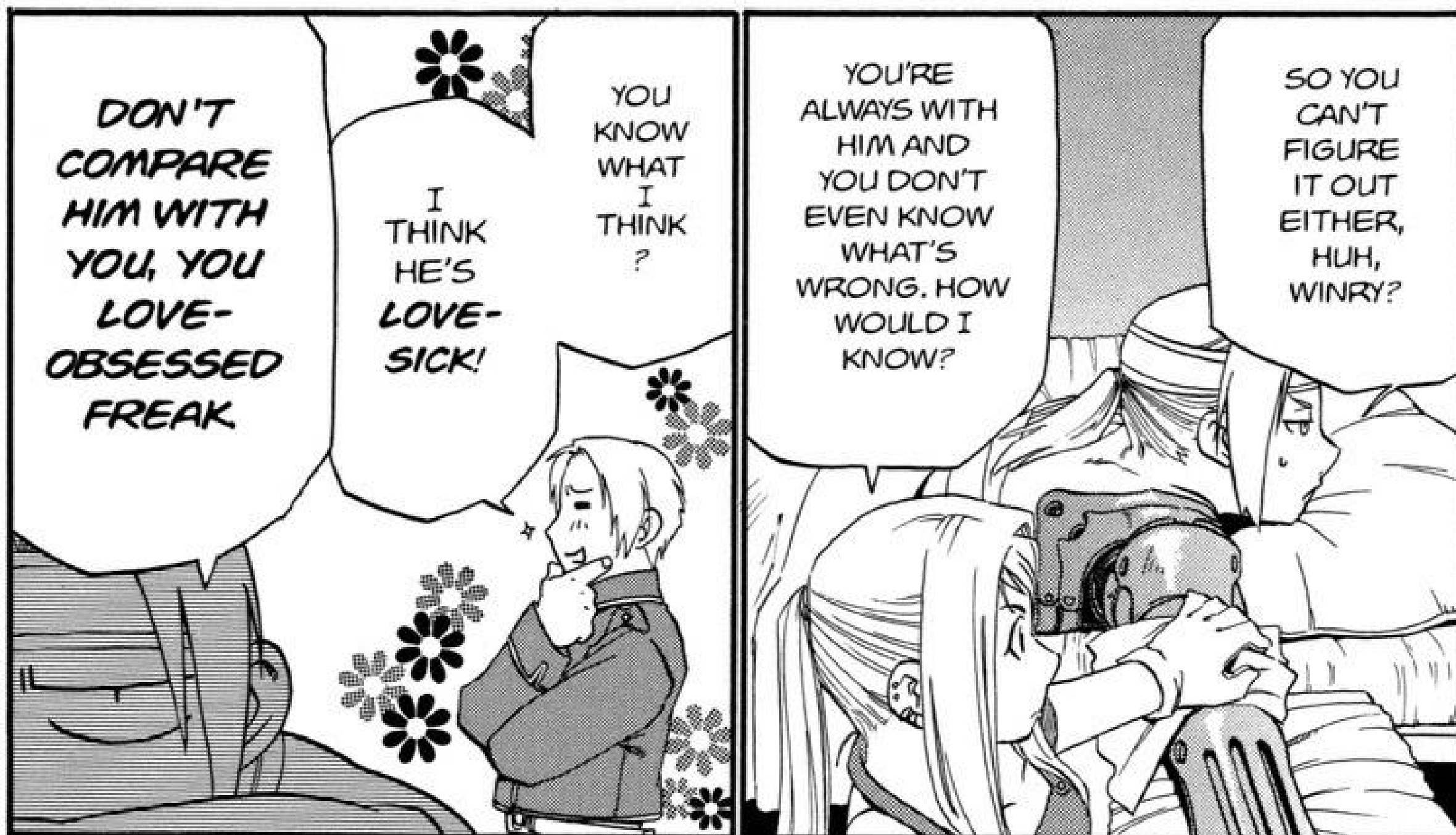


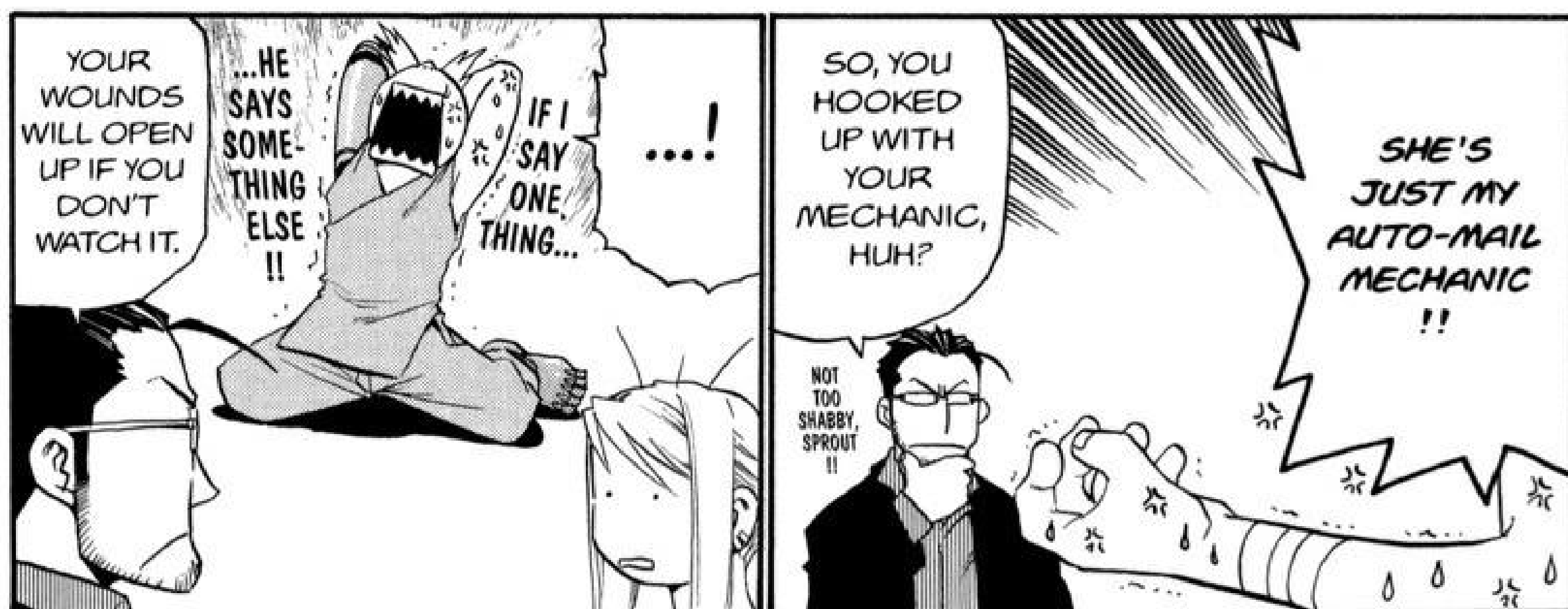
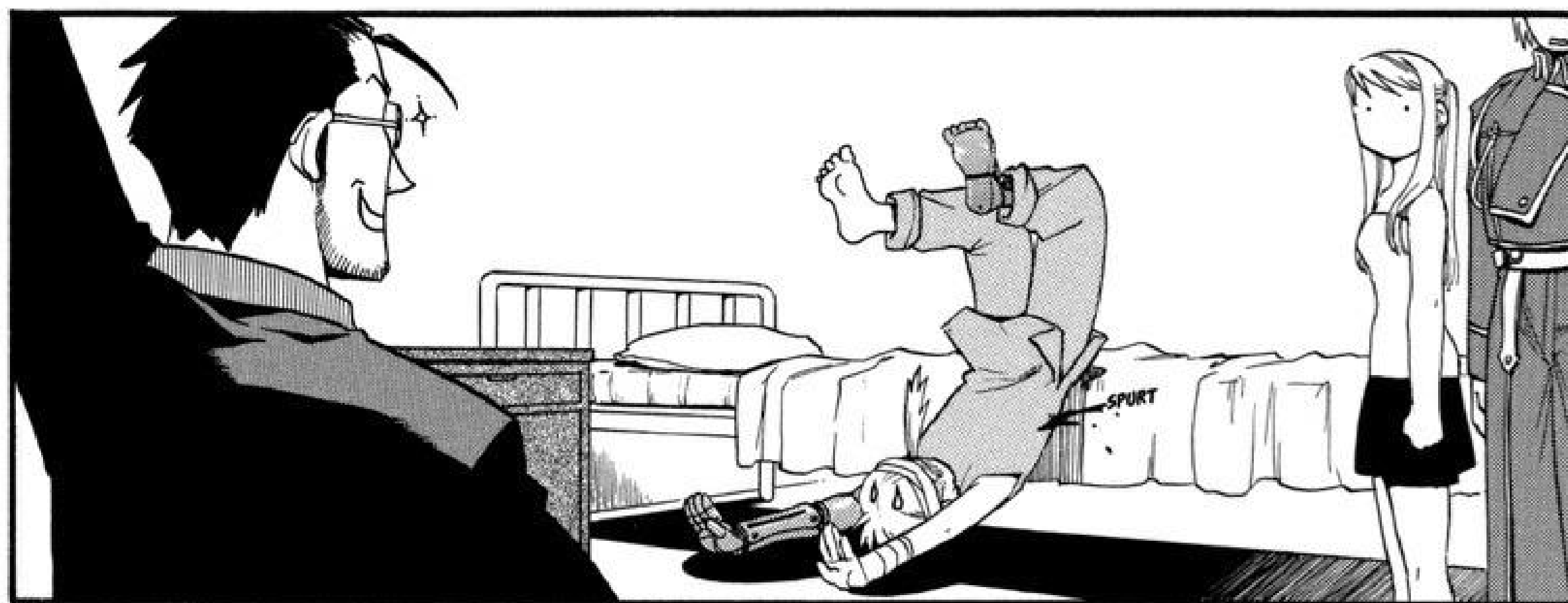
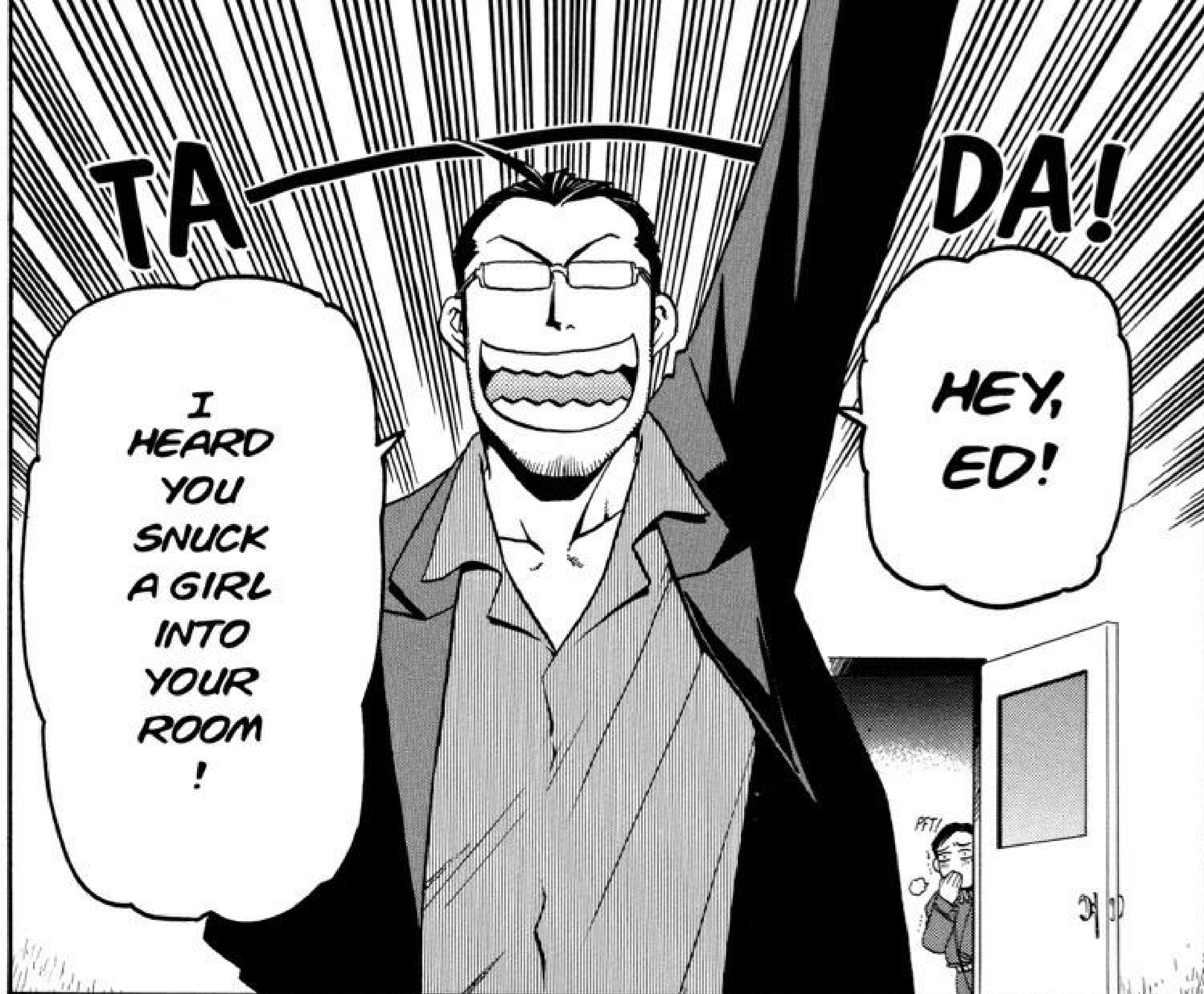


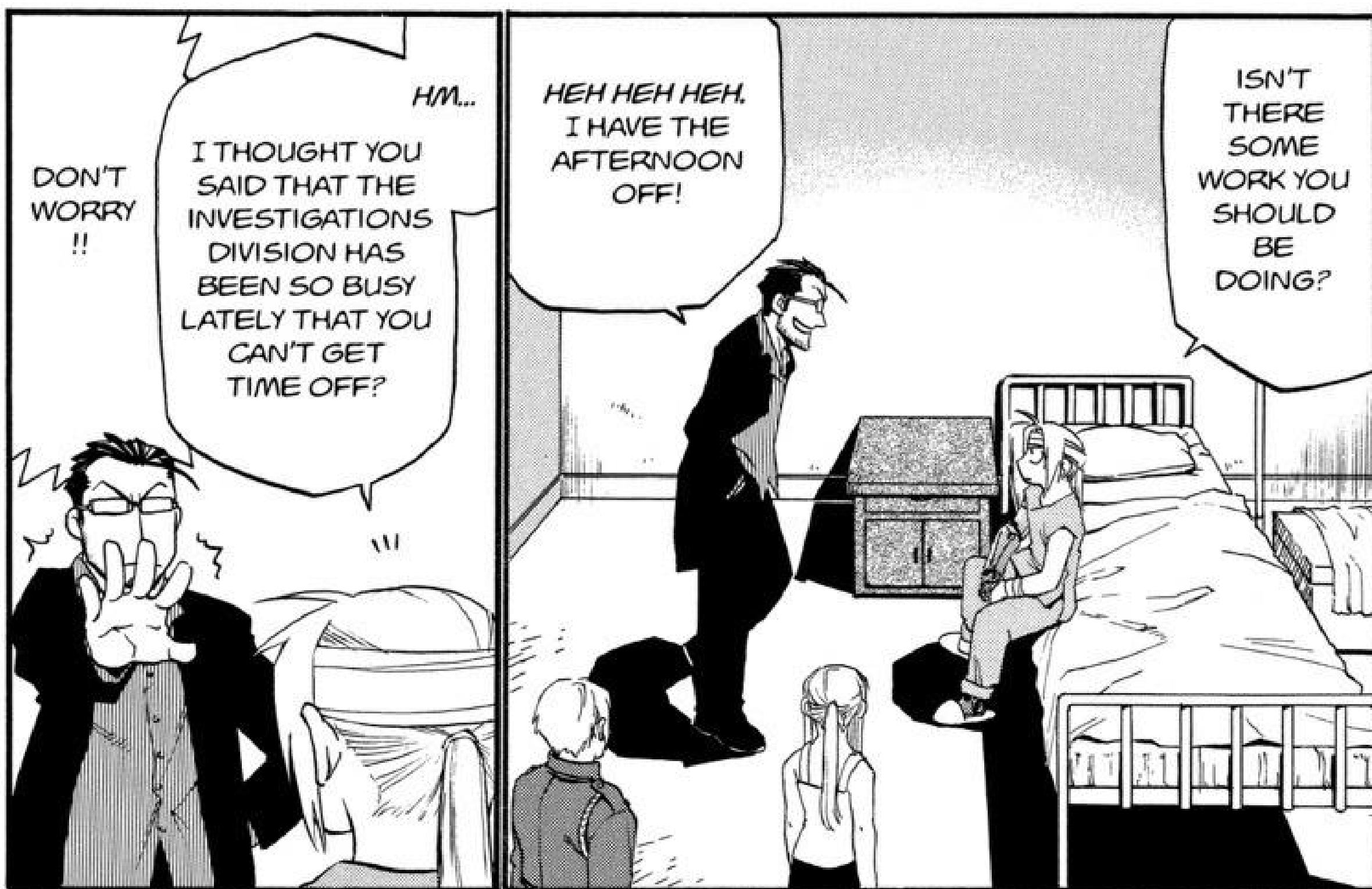


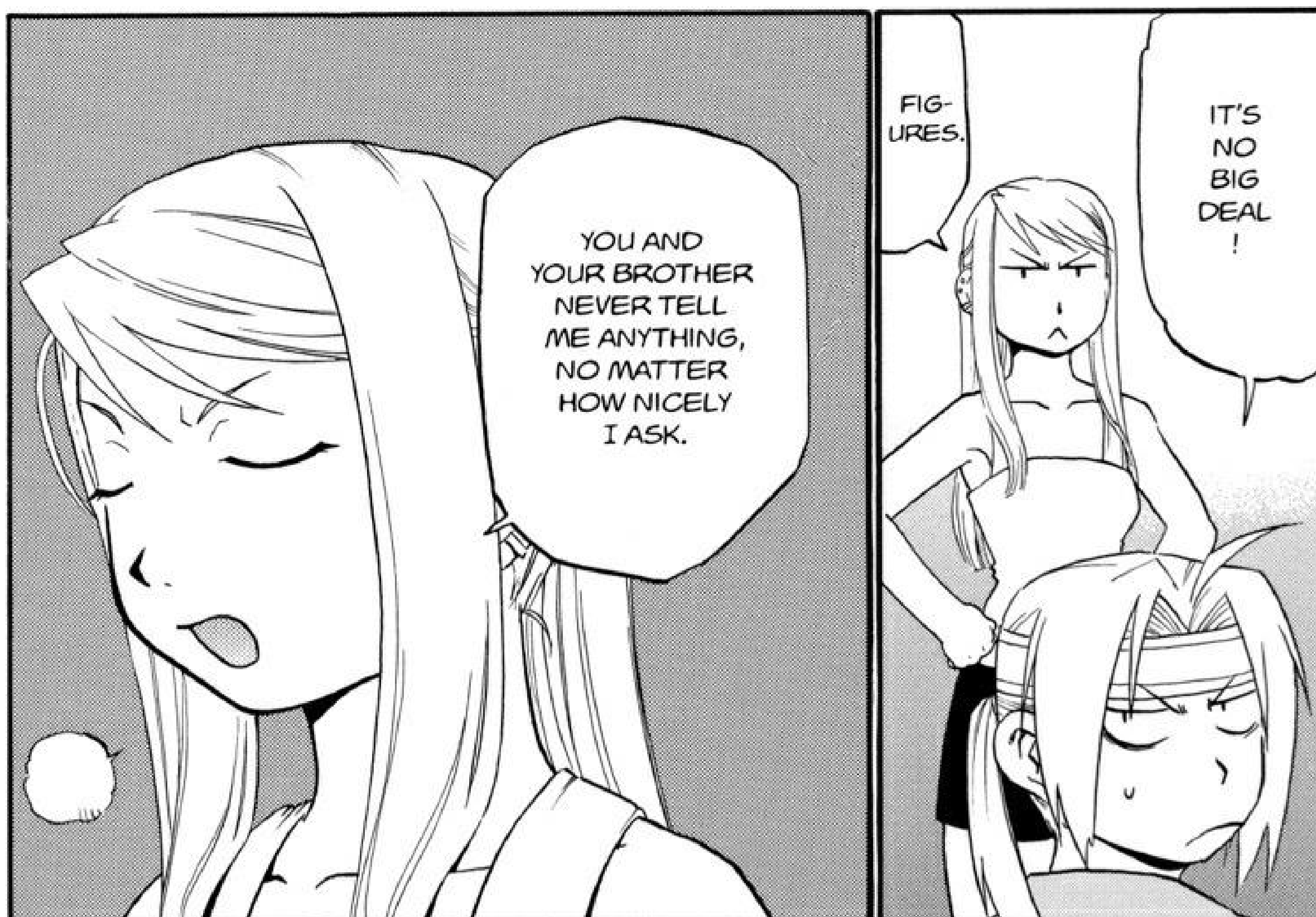
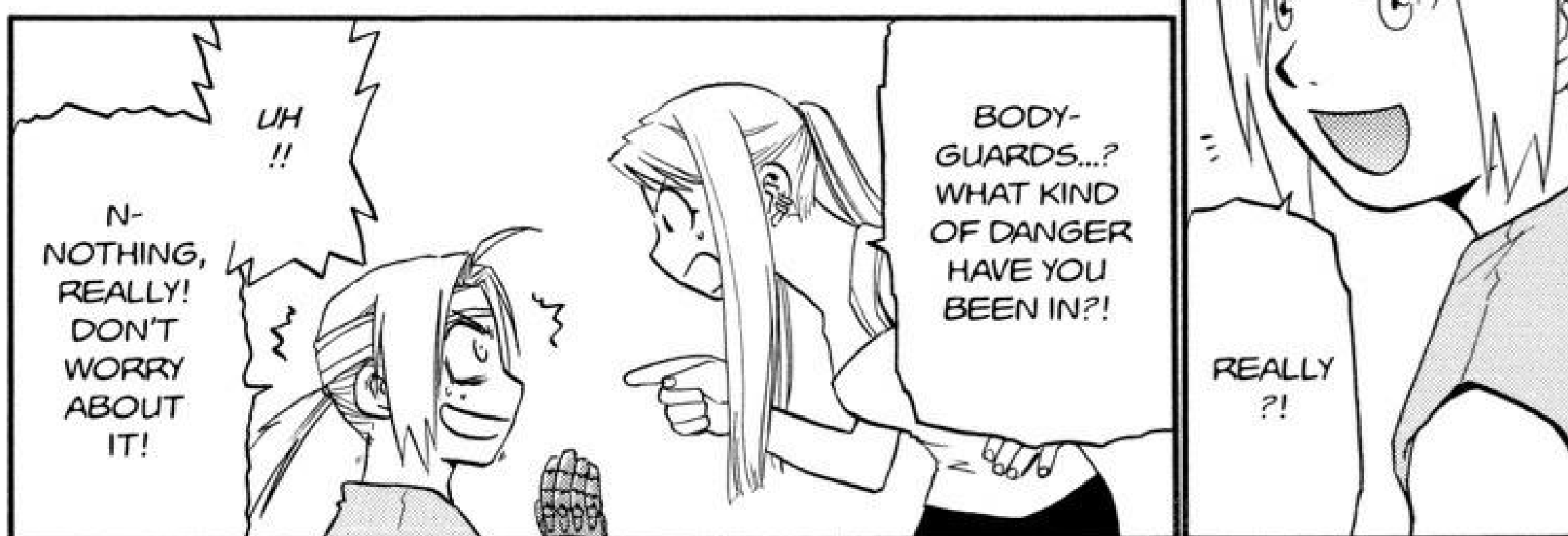


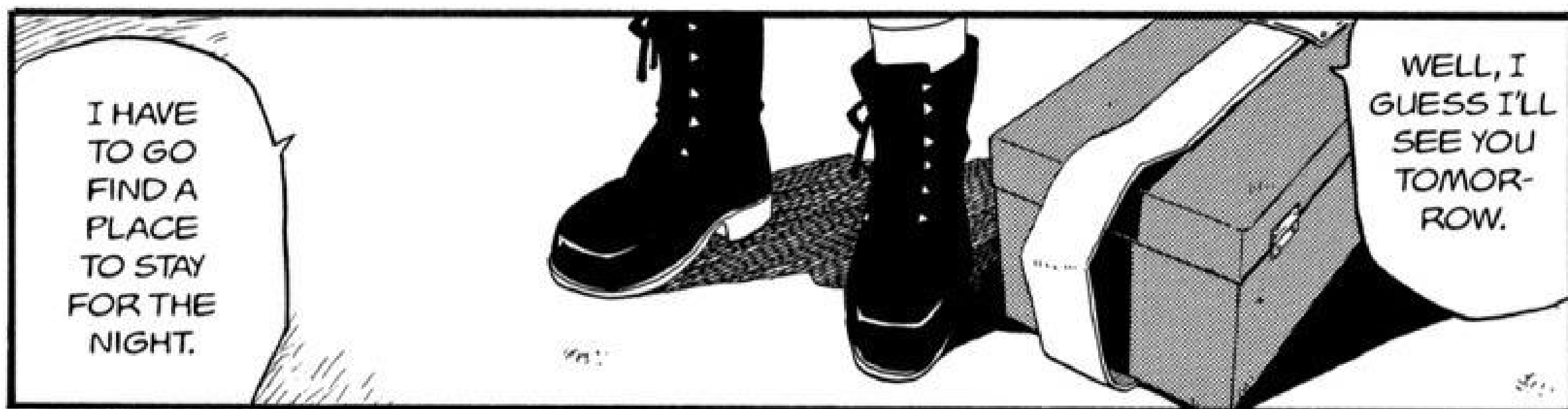












I HAVE TO GO FIND A PLACE TO STAY FOR THE NIGHT.

WELL, I GUESS I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.



HEY! WHY DON'T YOU JUST STAY AT MY PLACE!?

MILITARY HOTEL, HUH? SOUNDS A LITTLE TOO STRICT FOR MY TASTES.

YOU CAN STAY AT THE MILITARY HOTEL FOR CHEAP IF YOU TELL THEM THAT I SENT YOU.



WAAAAHAHA!

WAIT A SEC!

DRAG

DRAG DRAG

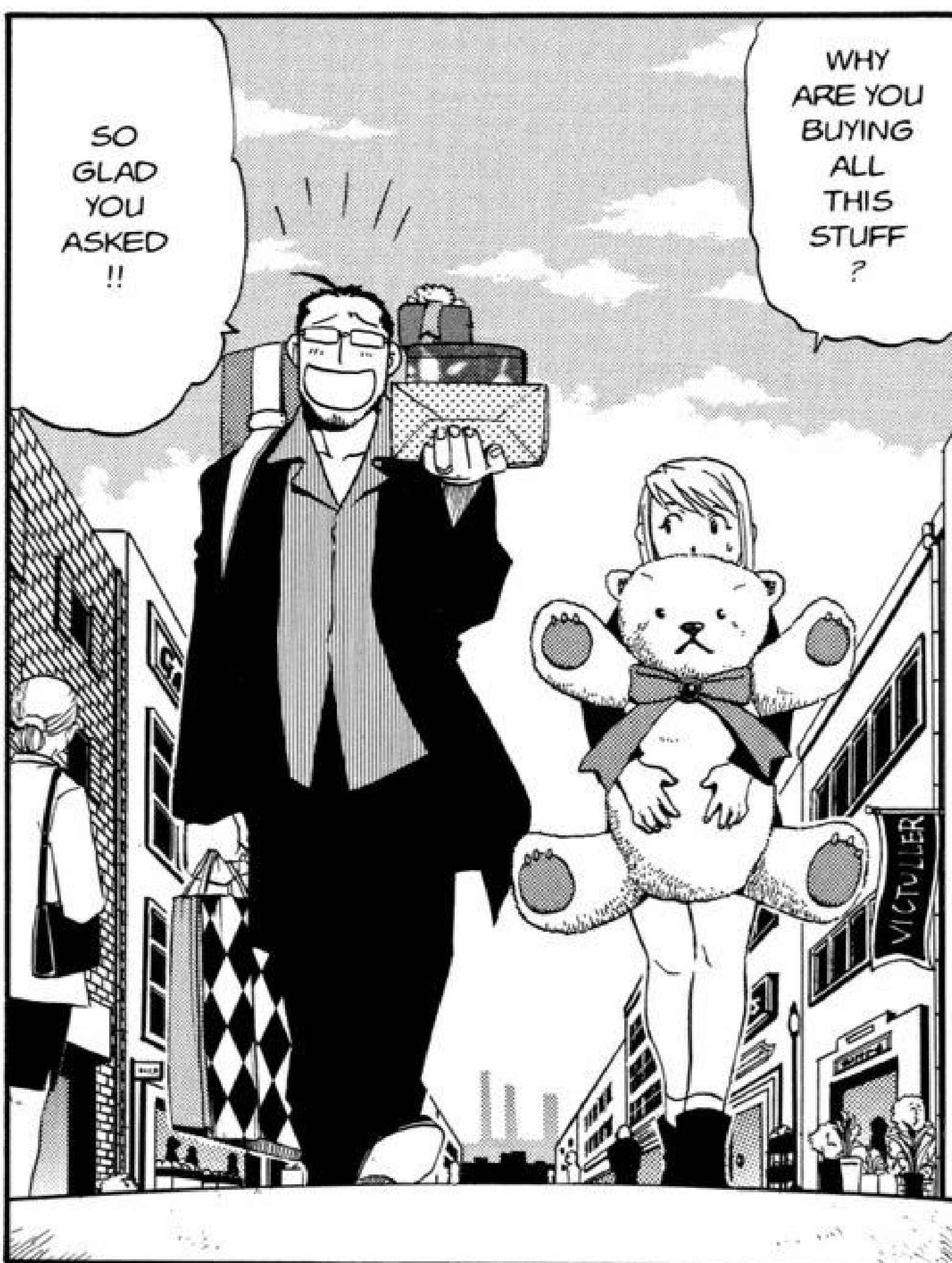
HE'S ACTING LIKE A KIDNAPPER AGAIN.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! MY FAMILY WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU!

BUT I JUST MET YOU AND IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT FOR ME TO INCONVENIENCE YOU...

HUH? UM...

GREAT. NOW THAT WE'VE GOT THAT FIGURED OUT, LET'S GO!





ELICIA,
I
MISSED
YOU
SO
MUCH
♡ !



SHE WAS
LOOKING
FOR A
PLACE TO
SLEEP FOR
THE NIGHT
SO I
BROUGHT
HER HERE.

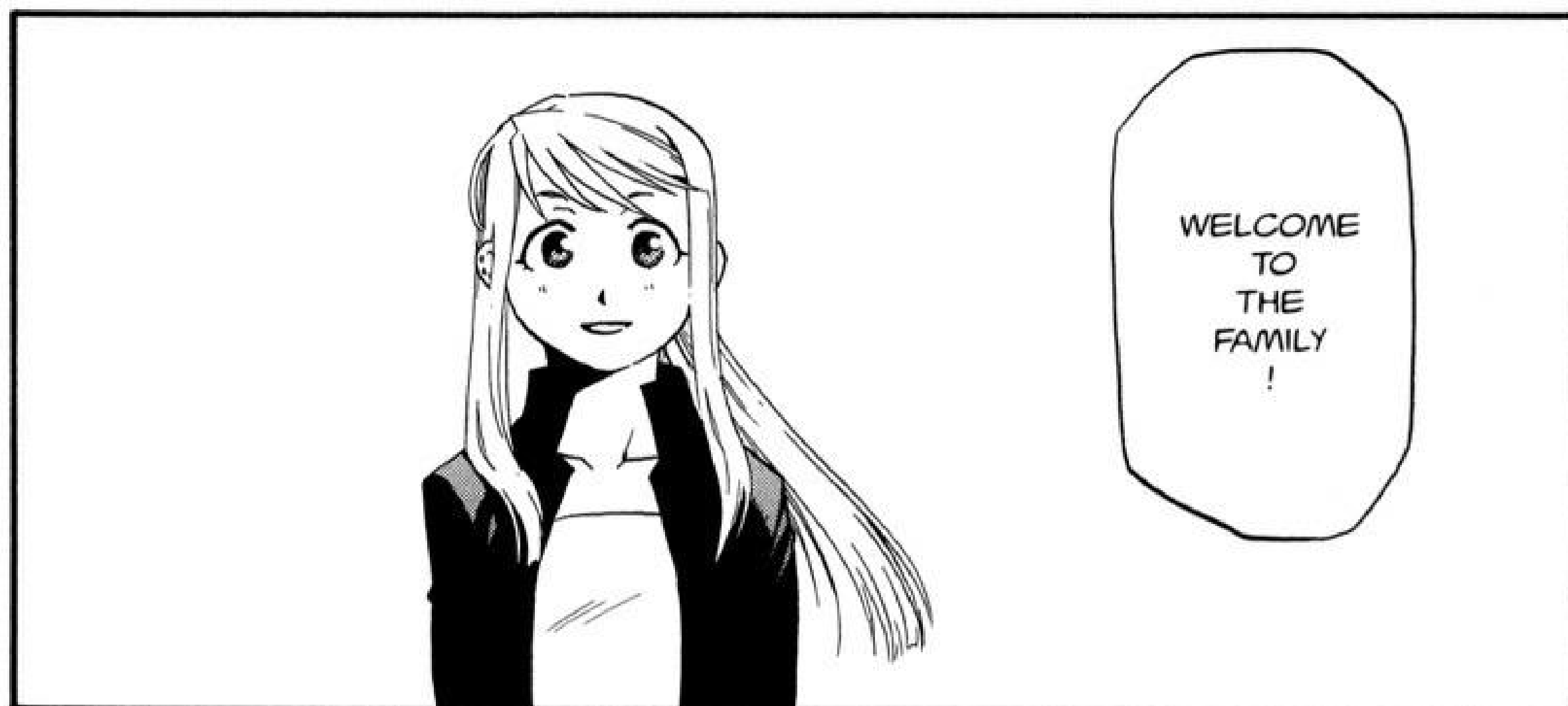
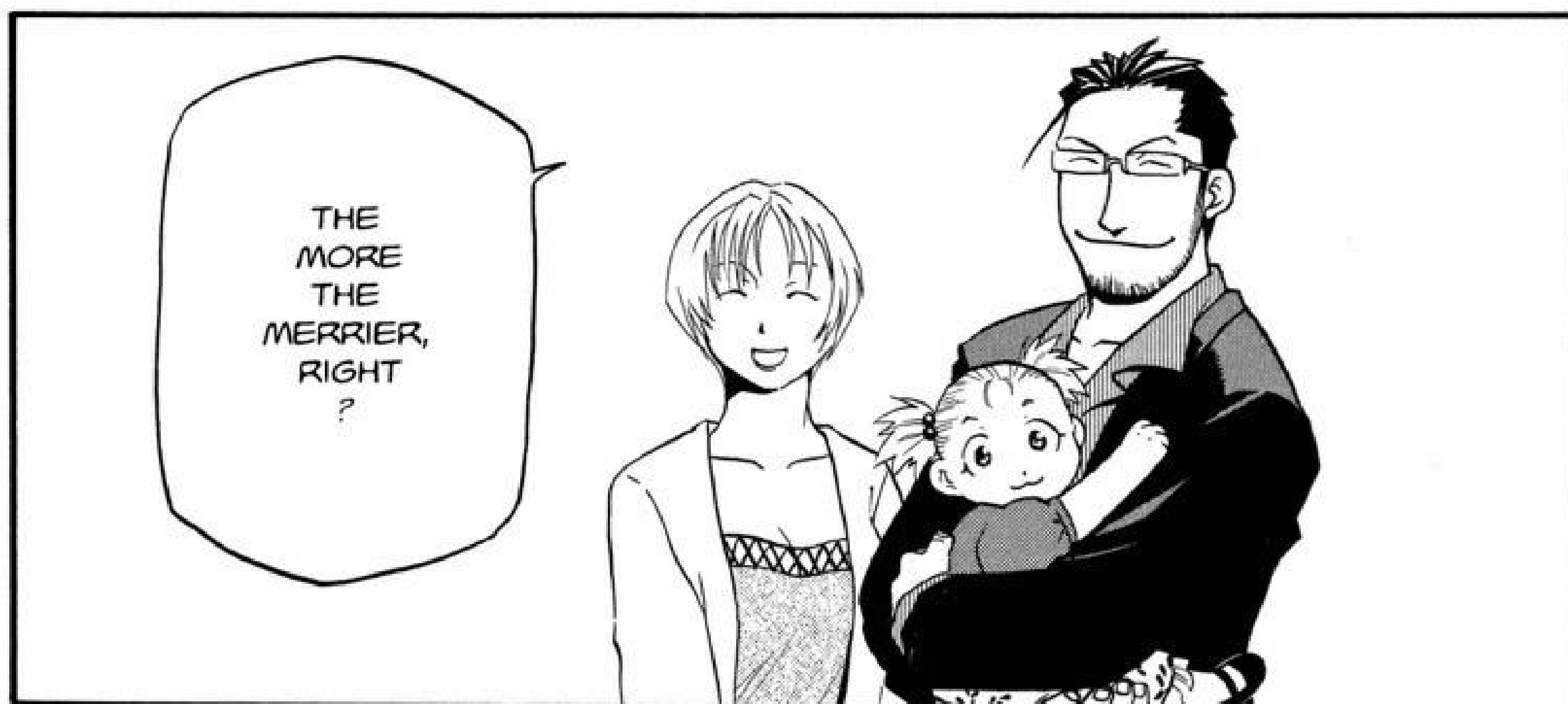
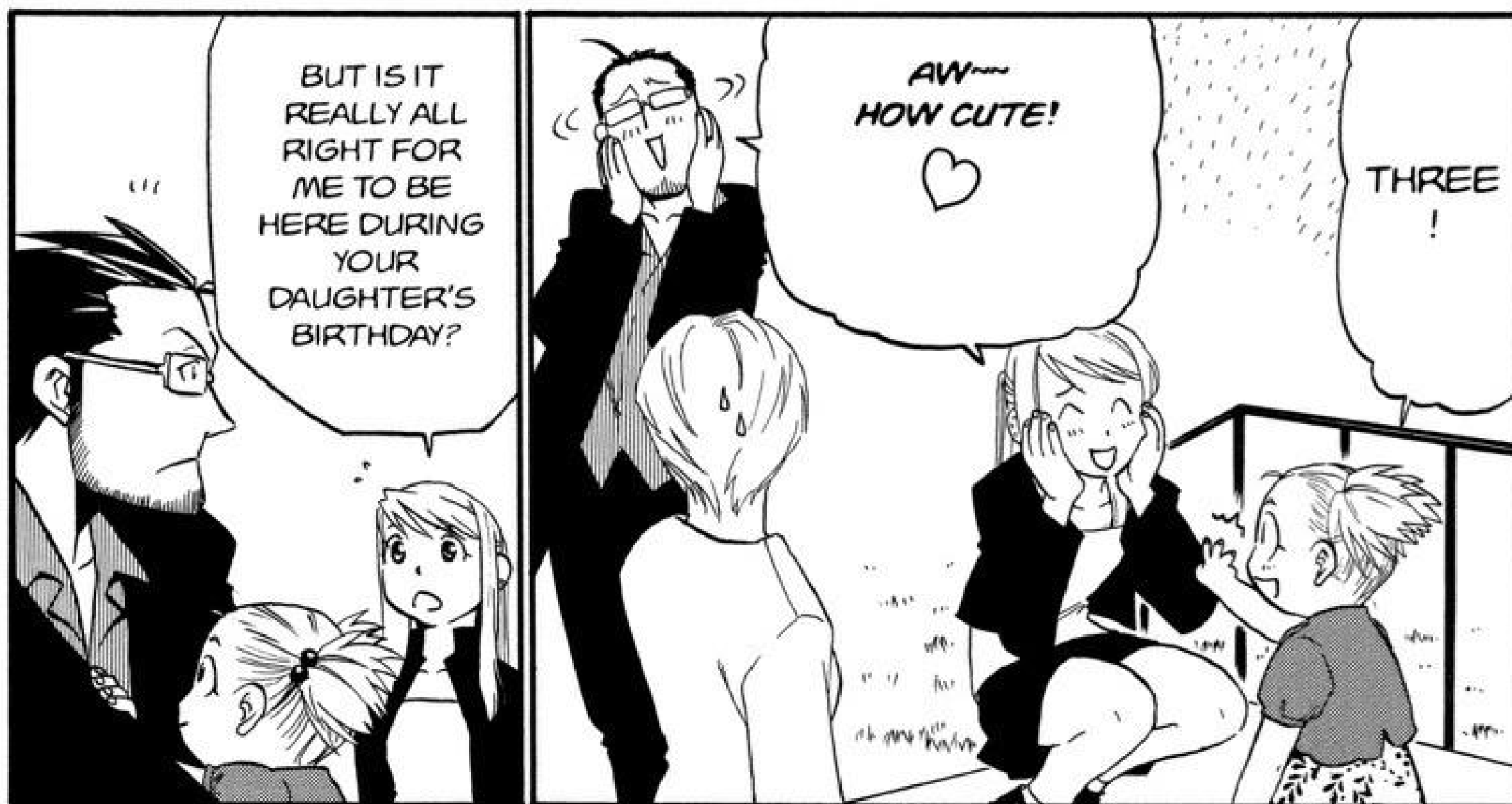
THIS IS
WINRY, AN
OLD FRIEND
OF THEIRS
FROM CHILD-
HOOD.

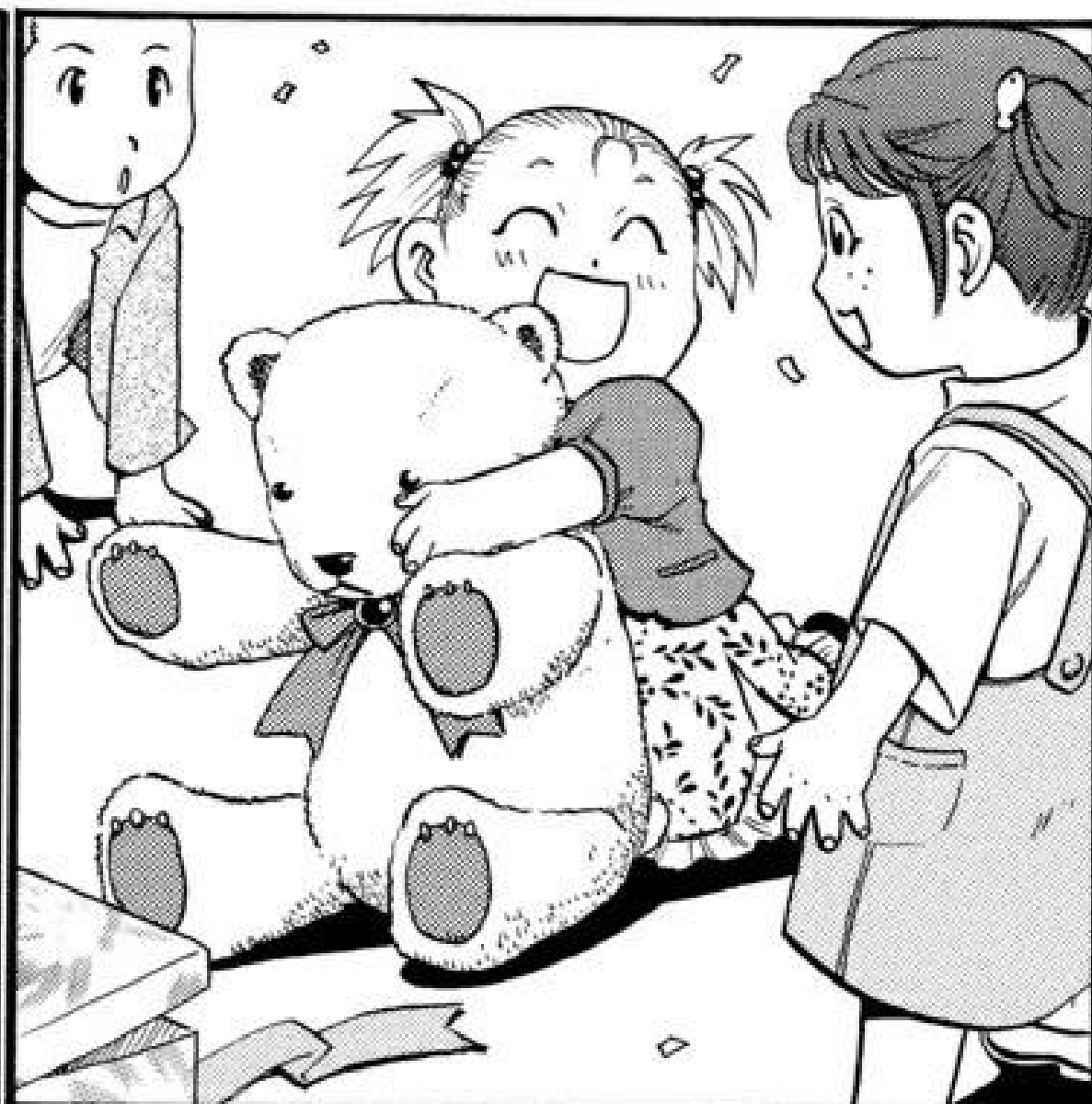
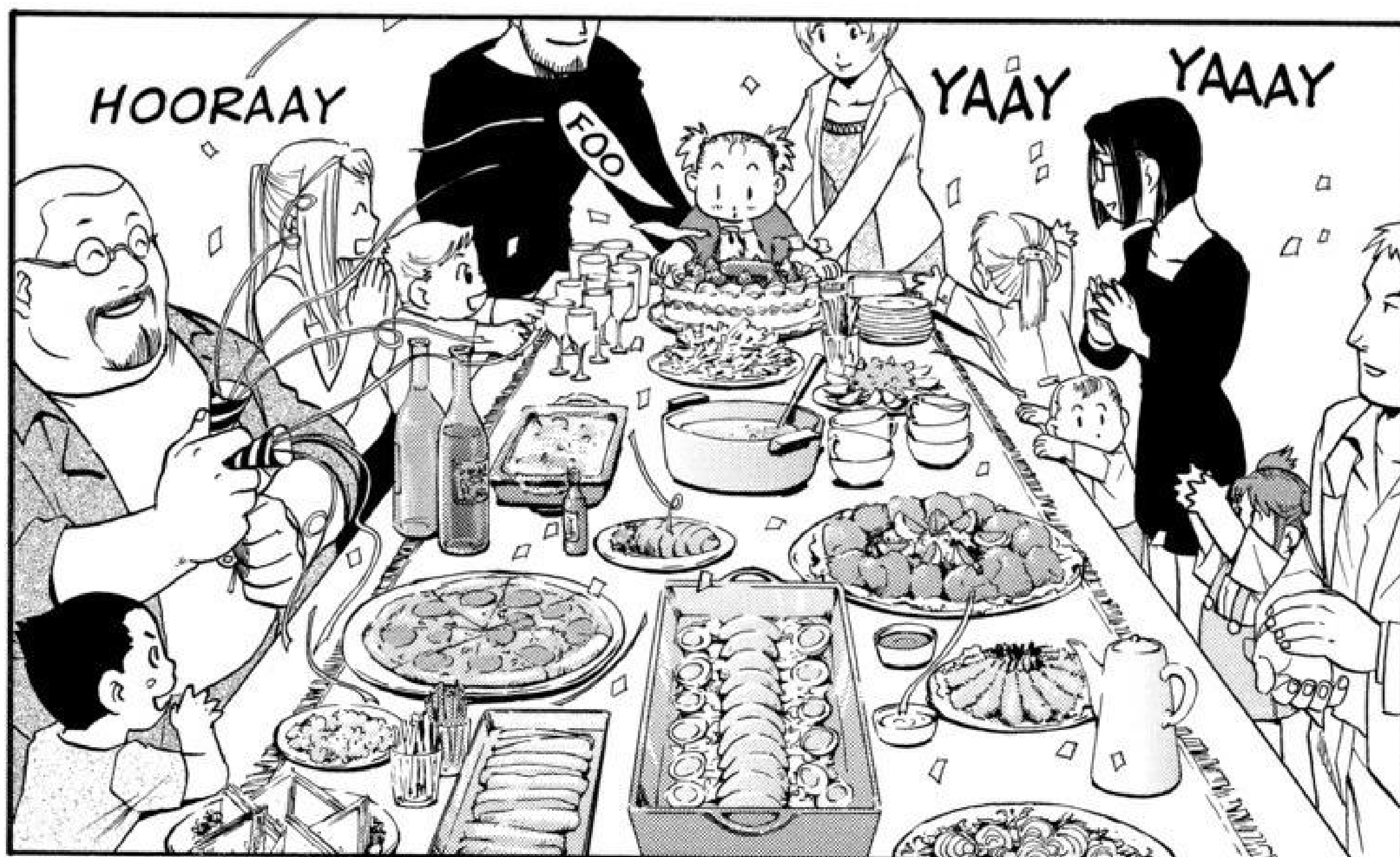
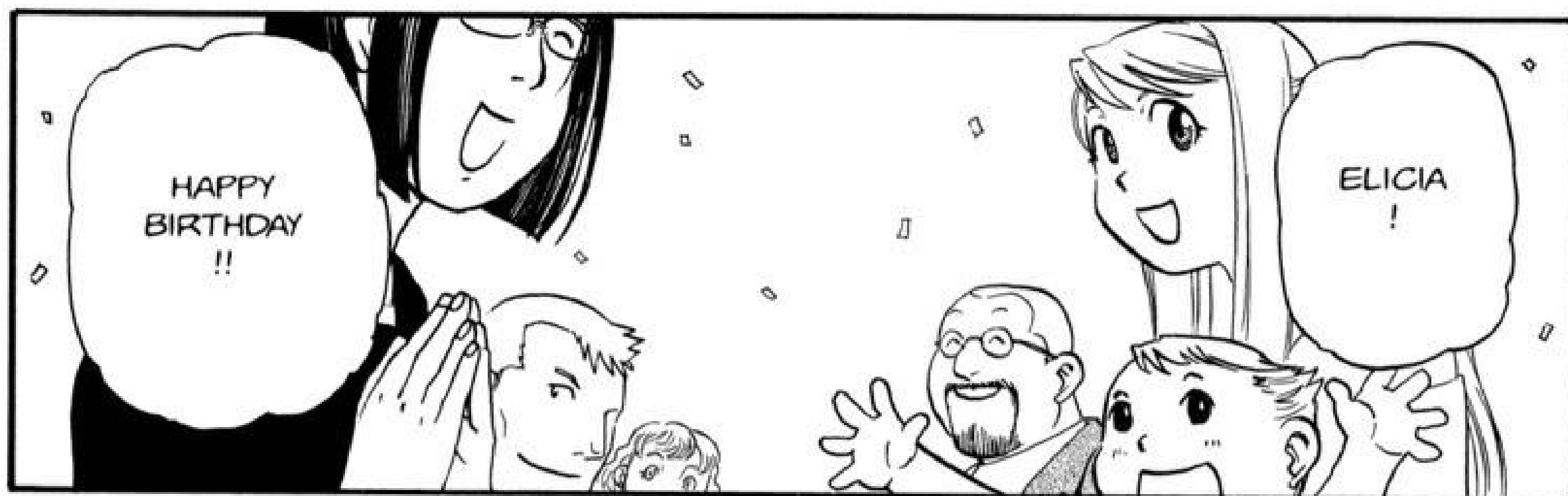


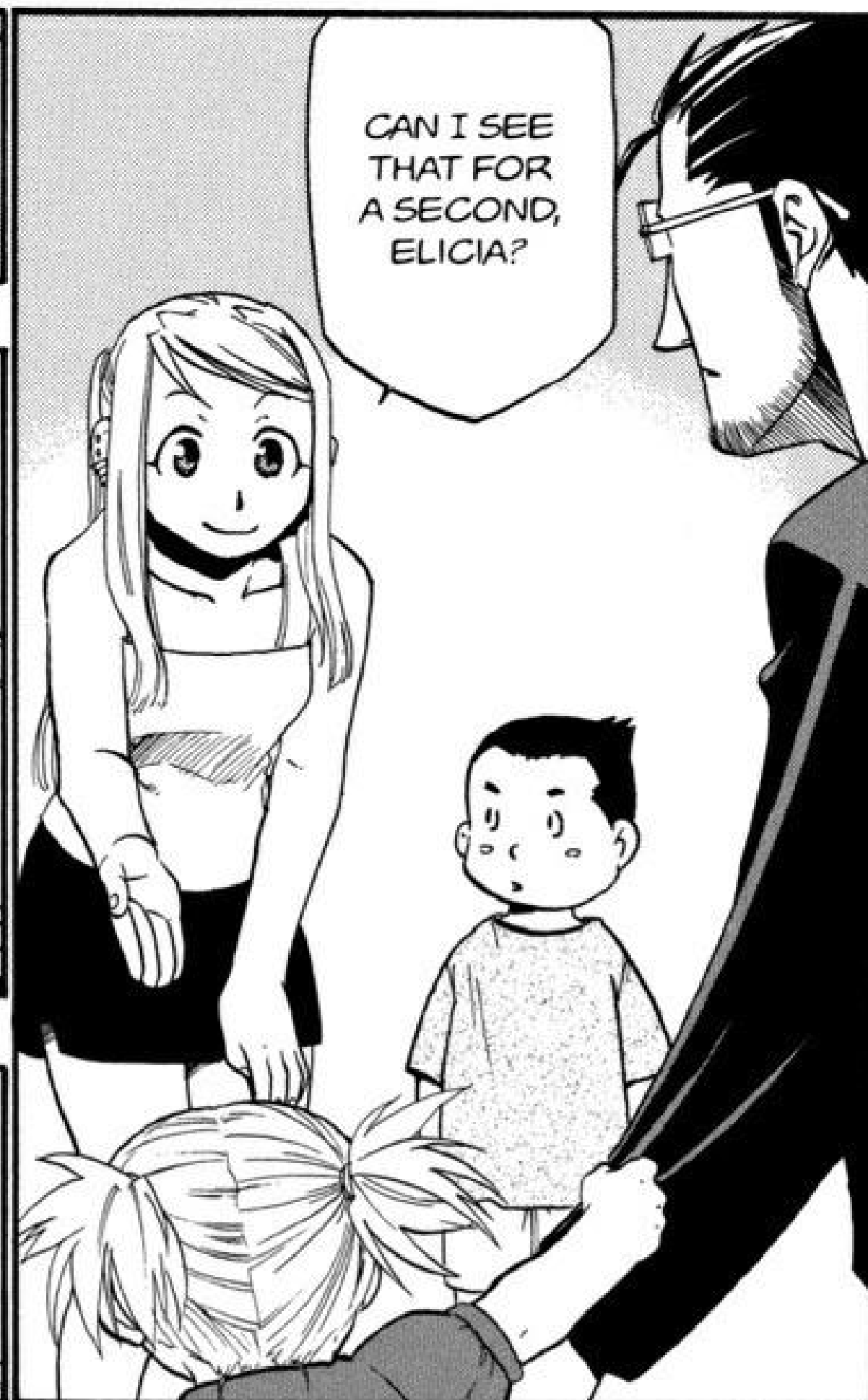
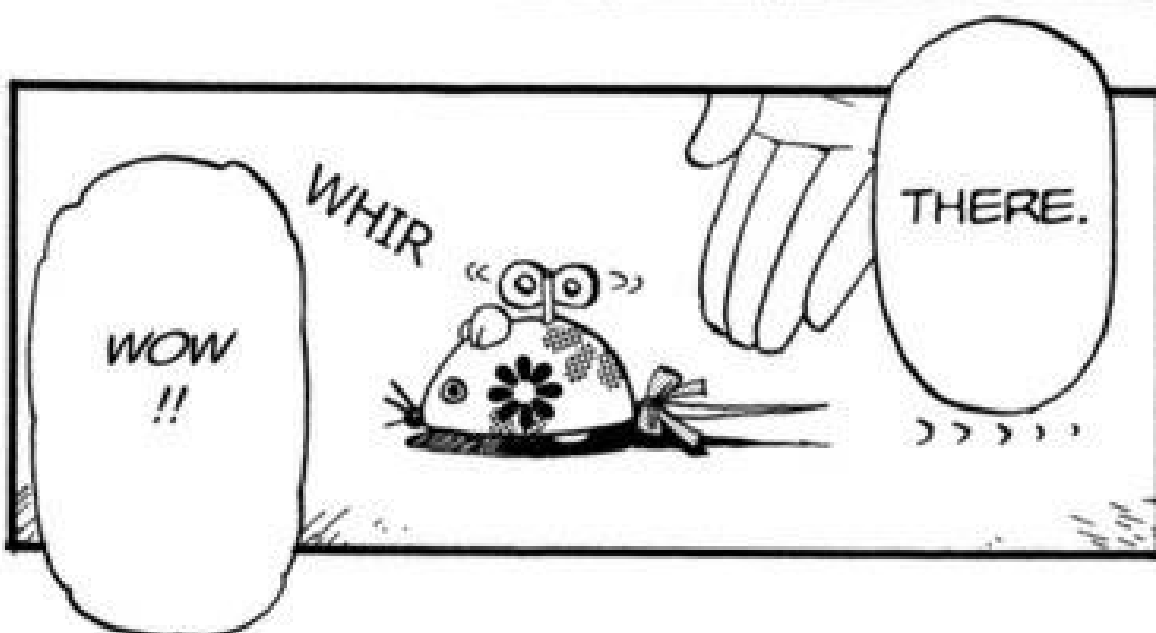
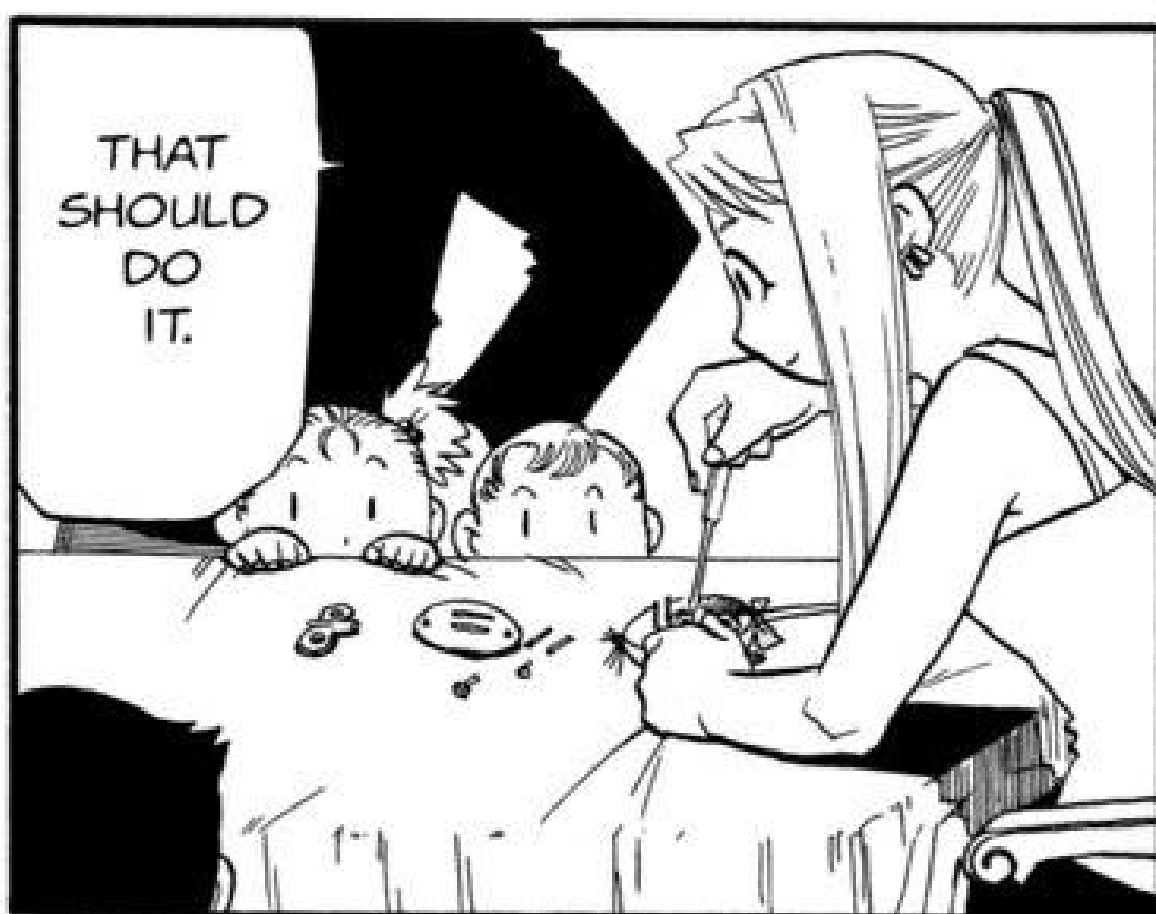
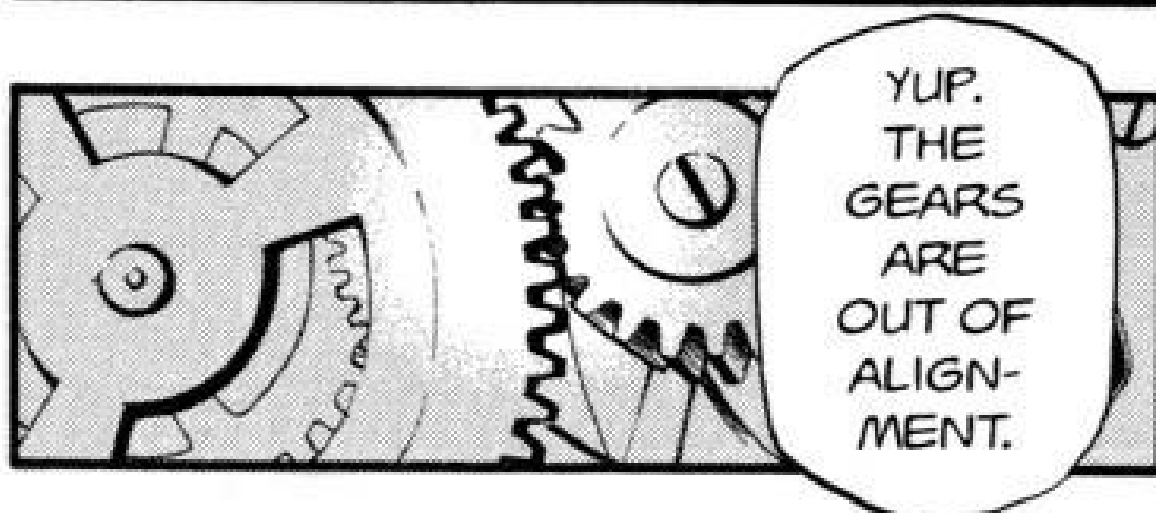
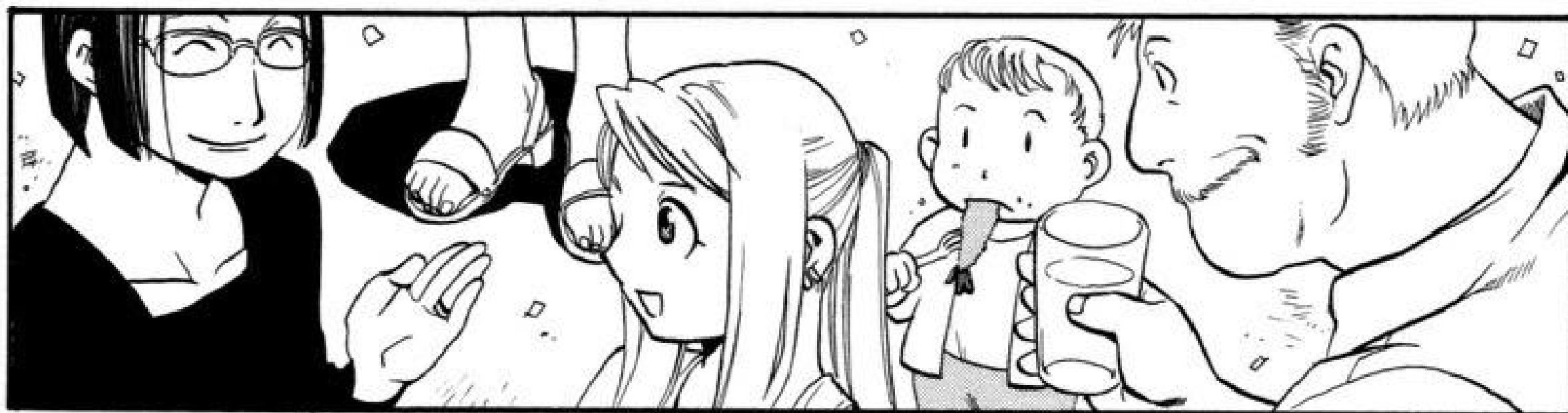
UH
HUH.

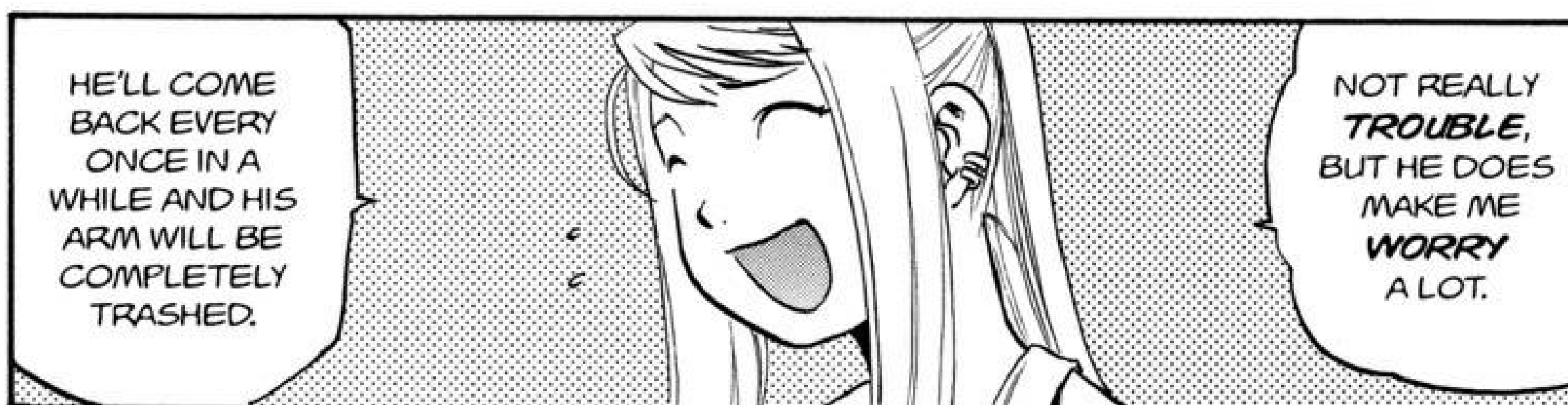
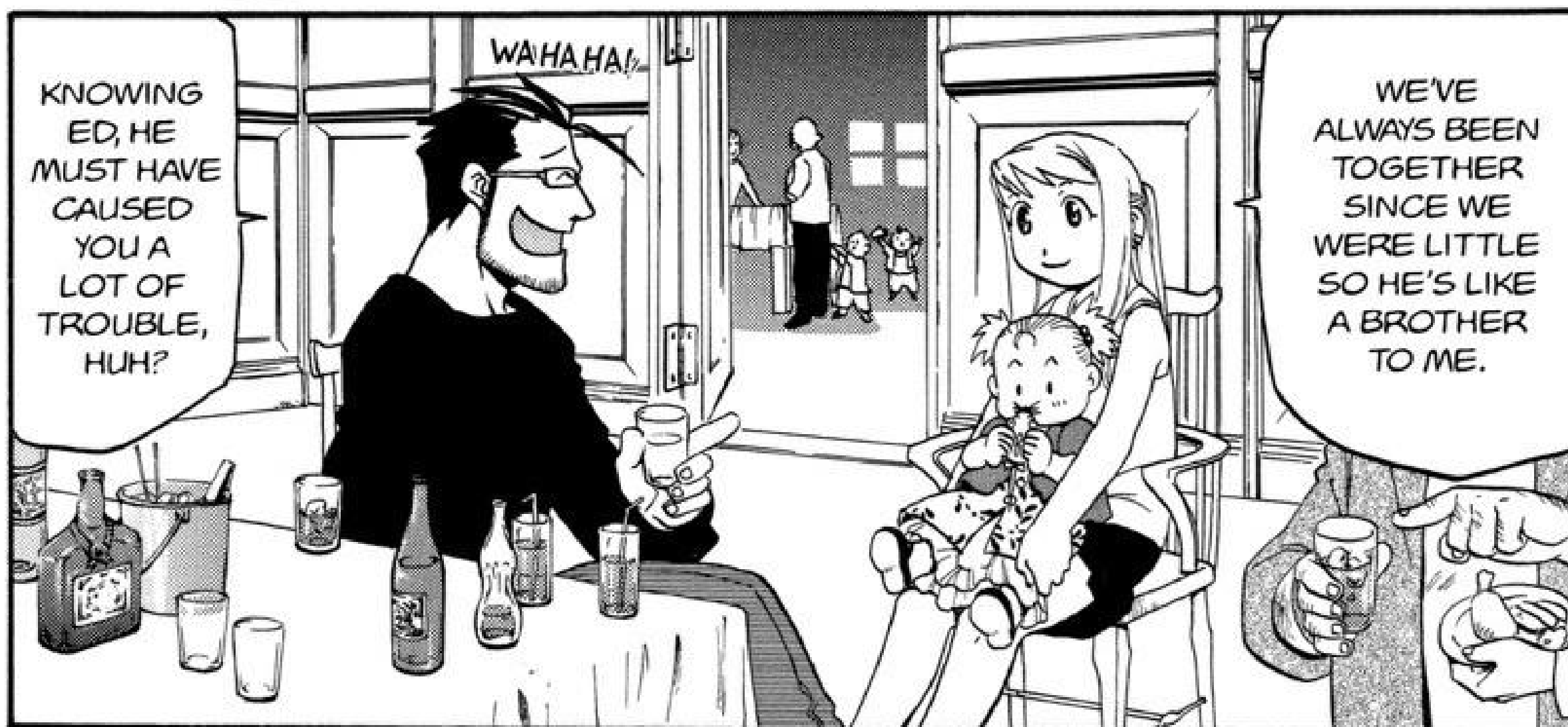
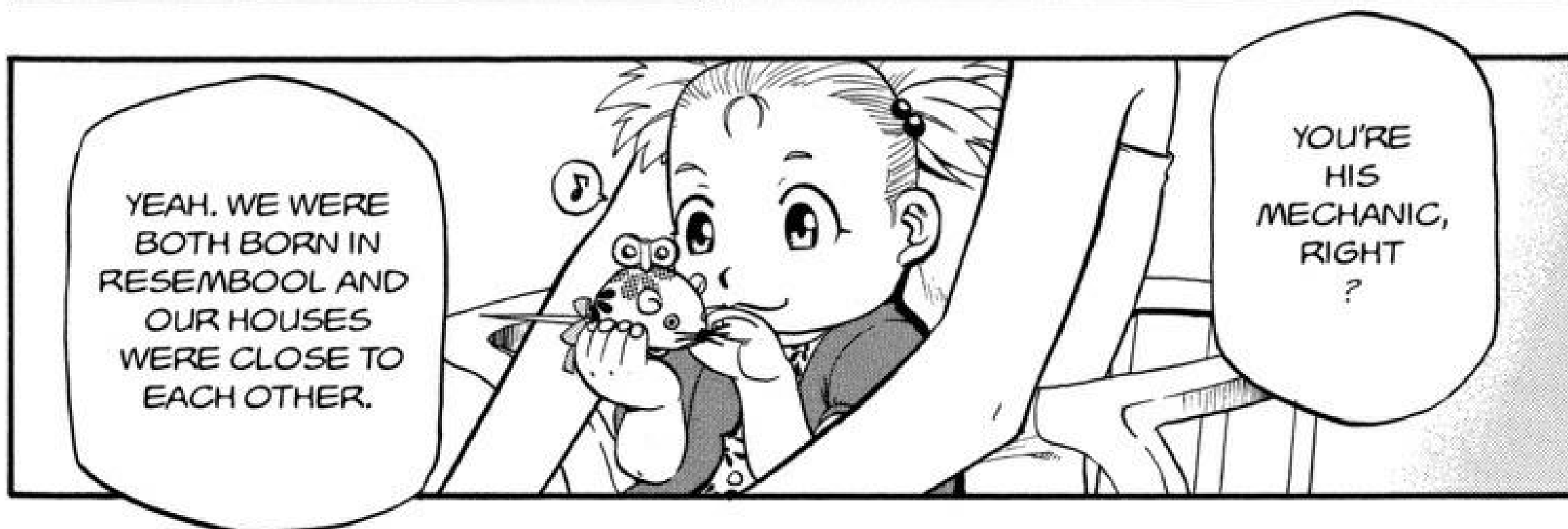
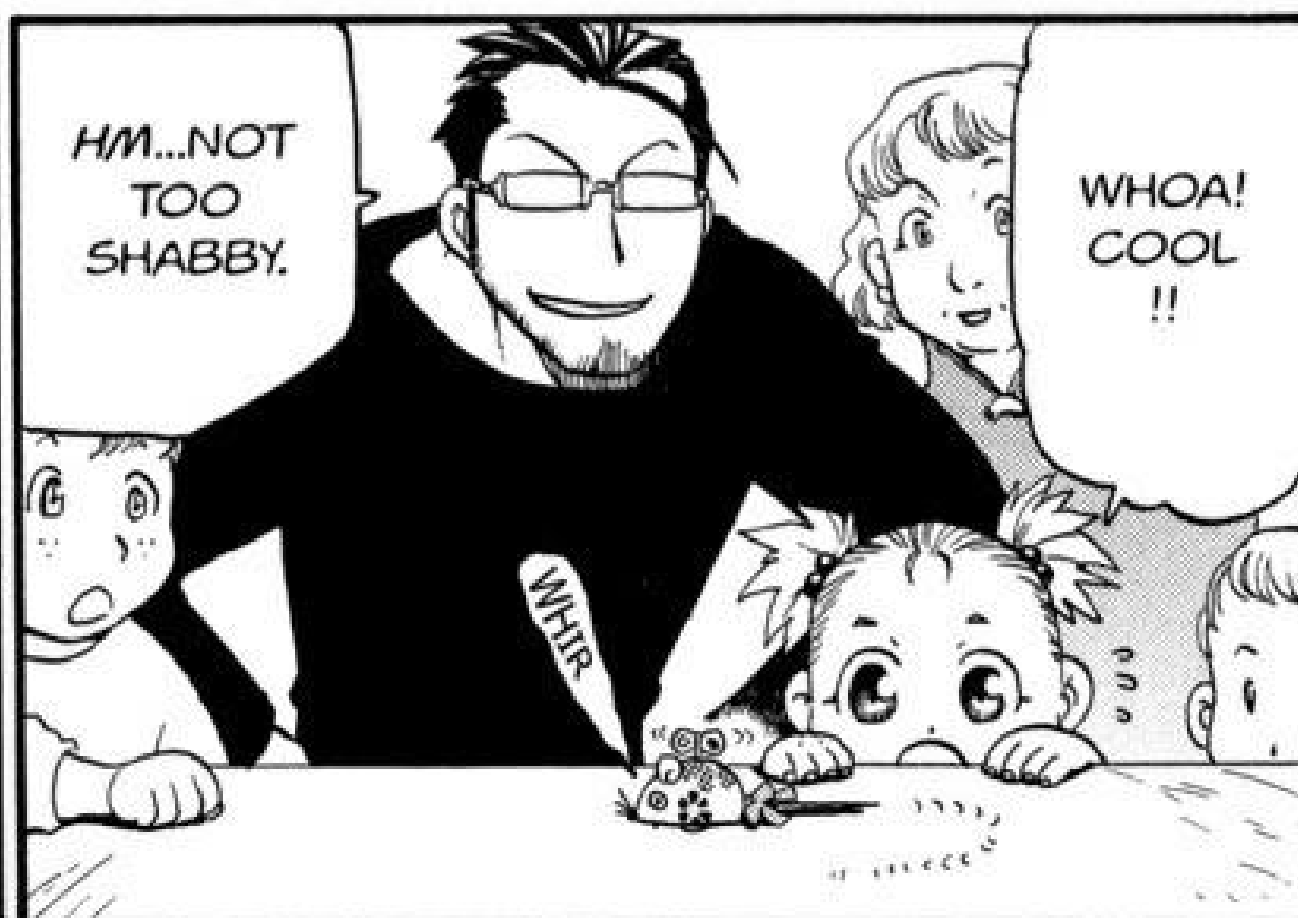
REMEMBER
THE ELRIC
BROTHERS
I TOLD
YOU
ABOUT?

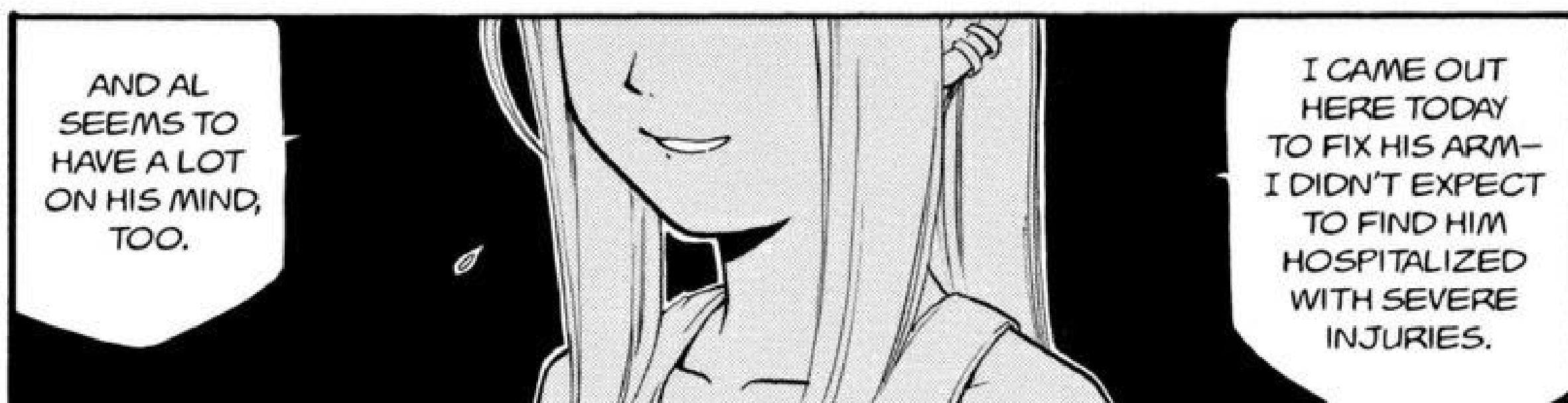












AND AL
SEEMS TO
HAVE A LOT
ON HIS MIND,
TOO.

I CAME OUT
HERE TODAY
TO FIX HIS ARM—
I DIDN'T EXPECT
TO FIND HIM
HOSPITALIZED
WITH SEVERE
INJURIES.



IT
MAKES
ME
WONDER
WHAT
KIND OF
LIVES
THEY
LEAD.

NOT ONLY
THAT BUT
HIS
WHOLE
BODY
WAS
COVERED
WITH
WOUNDS.

...THAT I MADE
THAT BRAND-
NEW AUTO-MAIL
FOR ED, AND
WHEN I SAW
IT TODAY IT
WAS IN REALLY
BAD SHAPE.

IT
WAS
JUST
TWO
WEEKS
AGO...



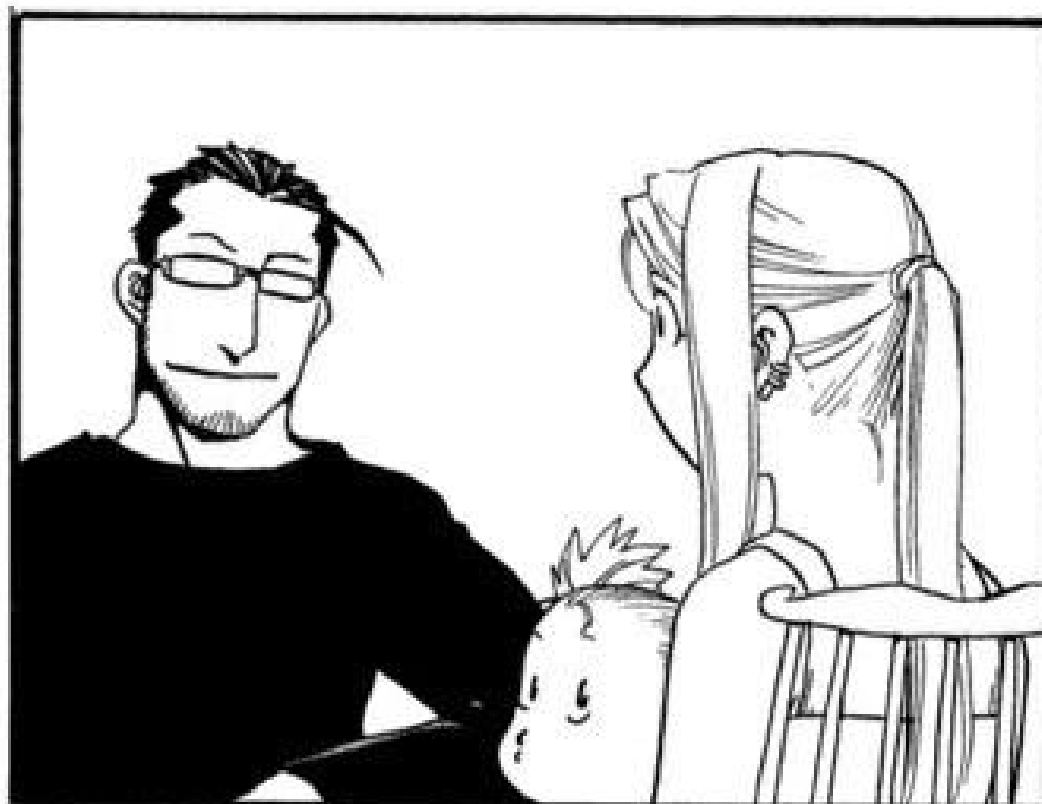
THEY DIDN'T
EVEN TELL
ME WHEN
THEY
DECIDED
TO LEAVE
TOWN TO
GET THEIR
ORIGINAL
BODIES
BACK.

BUT
THEY
NEVER
TELL ME
ANYTHING
ABOUT
IT.



...THEY MIGHT
HAVE TOLD ME
ABOUT THEIR
JOURNEY AND
ABOUT WHAT
CAUSED HIS
WOUNDS.

MAYBE
IF WE
WERE
A REAL
FAMILY...

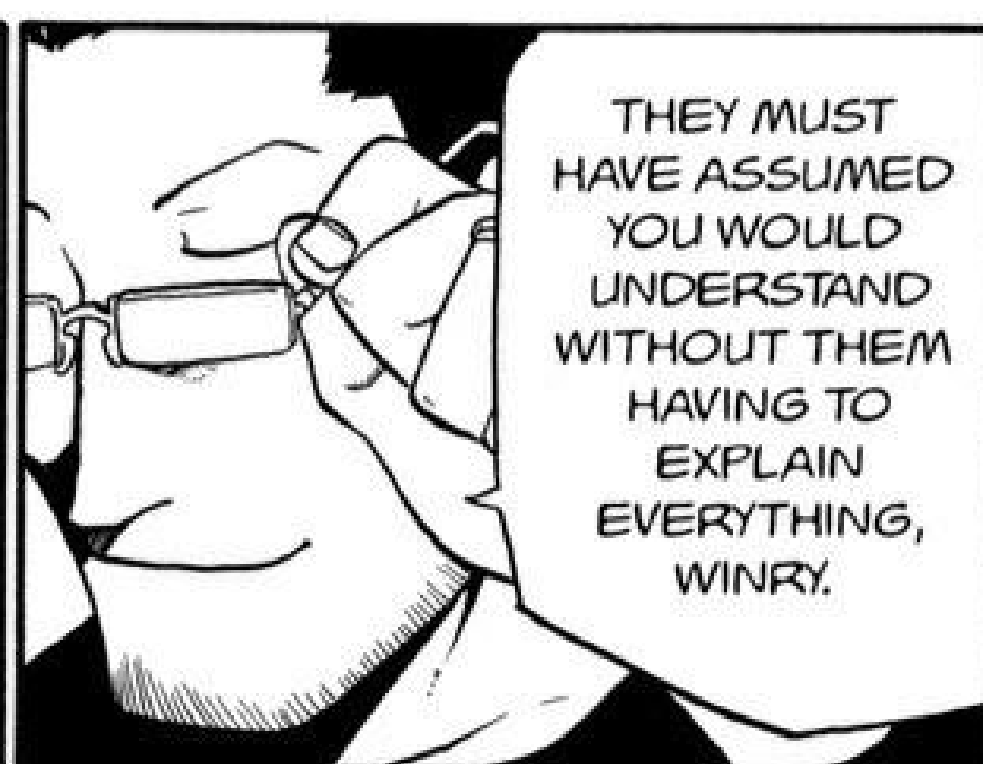


IT'S NOT THAT
THEY DIDN'T
WANT TO TELL
YOU SO MUCH
AS THEY DIDN'T
THINK THAT
THERE WAS
A **NEED** TO
TELL YOU.



MEN
EXPRESS
THEMSELVES
THROUGH
THEIR
ACTIONS
MORE THAN
THEIR
WORDS.

THAT'S
JUST
THE
WAY
IT
IS.



THEY MUST
HAVE ASSUMED
YOU WOULD
UNDERSTAND
WITHOUT THEM
HAVING TO
EXPLAIN
EVERYTHING,
WINRY.



...THERE ARE
SOME THINGS
THAT I NEED
TO BE **TOLD**
IN ORDER
FOR ME TO
UNDERSTAND.

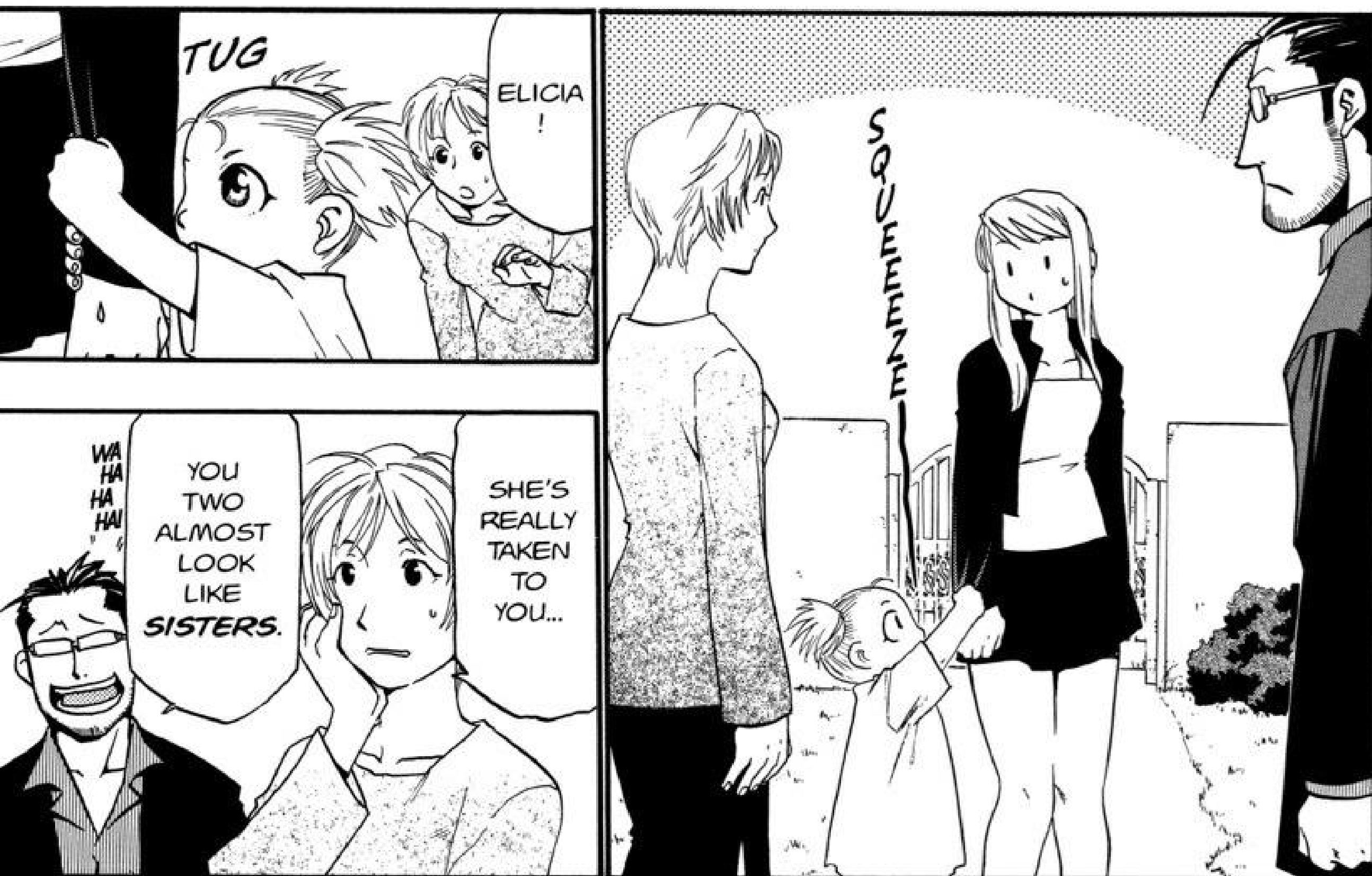


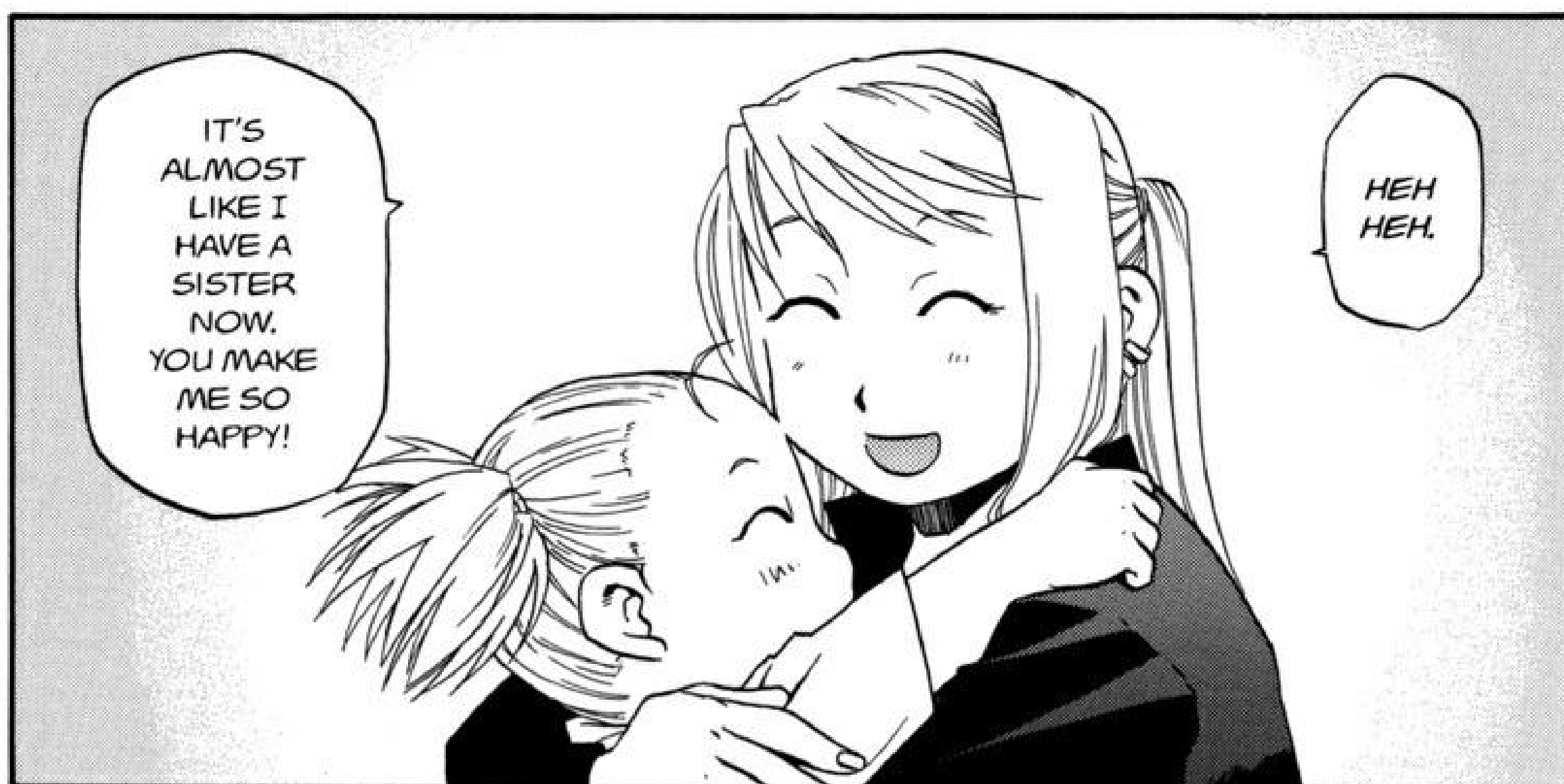
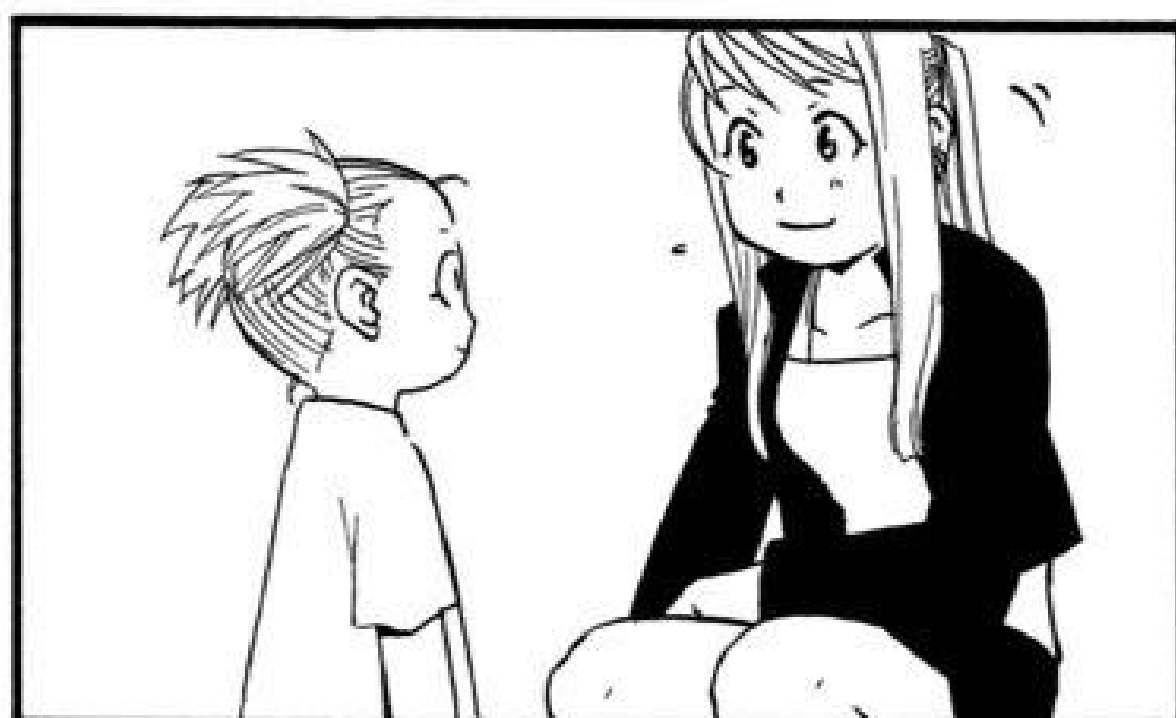
THAT'S
WHY THEY
WON'T SAY
ANYTHING
ABOUT
IT.

...THAN
CAUSE
THEIR
LOVED
ONES
TO
WORRY.

THEY
WOULD
RATHER
SHOULDER
THEIR PAIN
THEM-
SELVES...









YOU'RE
HERE
AGAIN,
YOU
BASTARD
?!



UGH...



I'M NOT
DRINKING
IT AND
THAT'S
FINAL!

AW, MAN!
WHAT'S
THE BIG
DEAL
ABOUT
MILK
ANYWAY?



OH...BUT
I GUESS
YOU CAN'T
SINCE YOU
HAVE THAT
BODY...

DO ME
A FAVOR,
AL,
AND DRINK
IT FOR
ME.



...BIG BROTHER,
YOU STILL HAVE
MOST OF YOUR
REAL BODY—YOU
NEED TO TAKE
CARE OF IT. JUST
DRINK IT.





**I
NEVER
ASKED
FOR
THIS
DAMN
BODY
!!**

